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French Leaders From '94 Defend Rwanda Policy

Charges of Complicity in Killings Are 'Revolting,' Balladur Asserts

> By Charles Trueheart Washington Post Service

PARIS - Bristling with indignation four years after the fact, the men who led the French government during the 1994 massacres of hundreds of thousands of people in Rwanda defended themselves and France on Tuesday against charges of indirect complicity in the

The generally bad reviews of France's military role in Rwanda, said a former prime minister, Edouard Balladur, were part of a "revolting" campaign to discredit "the only country in the international community that tried to act."

Mr. Balladur spoke alongside Alain Juppe, his foreign minister in 1994 and later prime minister, and Francois Leotard, his defense minister, in testimony before an unprecedented commission of the national legislature that is looking into France's role in the Rwanda conflict.

Both Mr. Balladur and Mr. Juppe defended France's initiative — and condemned the admitted inertia of the United States and others — in leading Operation Turquoise, the humanitarian force mandated by the United Nations that sought to ease a state of civil war in Rwanda in midsummer 1994, three months after the

massacres of Tutsi and moderate Hutu began. The former officials echoed earlier National As-



Mr. Balladur, flanked by Mr. Leotard, left, and Mr. Juppe awaiting the start of the French inquiry.

sembly testimony from experts that Operation Turquoise may have saved as many as 20,000 lives. But the operation has also been accused of failing to prevent much greater slaughter while rescuing French nationals and protecting extremist Hutu, friendly to France, who were carrying out the massacres.

France had for years closely supported and armed the Hutu-dominated regime of President Juvenal

Habyarimana, who was killed when a missile downed his plane on April 6, 1994, as it approached the airport

in the Rwandan capital, Kigali. Although the source of the missile was never established, Mr. Habyarimana's death triggered the apparently well-planned retributive massacres of

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Paris-Bonn Fight: It's About More Than Banker's Name

By John Vinocur

PARIS - No one strains credulity in saying that the most important man in Europe could be the president of the future European central bank and that the bank itself might soon become the institution most affecting Europeans' everyday lives.

Considering the size of the stakes, it cannot be much of a surprise that the selection of the person who will oversee Europe's marriage to a single currency has turned into a battle diminishing Europeans' expectations of a bank independent from

politics and competing nationalisms. But the bank's uncomfortable and vaguely defined

By Kevin Sullivan

ashington Post Service

KITAKYUSHU, Japan — Business

at Yukio Nagaishi's little machine-parts factory is so bad that you almost half-

believe him when he pulls hard on his cigarette and jokes that, "I may have to

Mr. Nagaishi knows exactly who he

blames for his pain: Prime Minister

Ryutaro Hashimoto and the governing

Liberal Democratic Party. Mr. Nagaishi

says the leader has bungled the economy

and should resign immediately. He says

he party is like a heavy weight dragging Japan to the bottom of the ocean.

But when national elections for Par-

liament roll around in July, you can bet that if Mr. Nagaishi is still in business he will plaster his walls with Liberal

Democratic campaign posters.

The big companies that buy Mr. Nagaishi's machine parts back the party,

which has always been married to big

business. Mr. Nagaishi says they lean on him with a simple message: Support the

Liberal Democrats, or we'll find an-

I'll have to put up the posters," Mr.

erned Japan for most of the last half of

this century, and the party's enduring

presence is all the more remarkable for

the enormous unpopularity of its leader and the worst economic crisis since

The heat is getting hotter for Mr.

On Tuesday, the influential Yomiuri

Shimbun, the world's largest daily newspaper, with a circulation of more than 14 million, accused Mr. Hashimoto of "virtually disappearing in times of crisis."

Comparing the current economic turnoil to the doomed voyage of the Titanic, the newspaper said in an unusual front-page

article, "The country does not need a

Tokyo was abuzz as politicians and

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Nagaishi said.
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other supplier.

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Election and Party Clout

Keep Hashimoto Afloat

Japan Sticks With Status Quo for Lack of Choice

analysts speculated that the newspaper

criticism was influenced by former Prime Minister Yasuhiro Nakasone,

who leads a conservative faction of the

Mr. Nakasone is believed to want to push out Mr. Hashimoto in favor of Seiroku Kajiyama, 72, the former chief

spokesman of the Hashimoto cabinet.

Mr. Kajiyama is frequently mentioned

as a possible successor, but many here

see him as an old-guard conservative

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Liberal Democrats.

relationship with political power now goes further than a problem that can be resolved simply by choosing Wim Duisenberg, the Dutch president of the European Monetary Institute.

COUNTDOWN TO THE EURO or Jean-Claude Trichet, governor of the Bank of France, or a compromise candidate. The fact is, the European central

bank is coming to life amid distrust and a real measure of recrimination. This is because the struggle for the bank is largely a hidden confron-

tation between Germany and France about issues at the heart of the new Europe: who gives up how much sovereignty with the coming of the euro, and who

holds control over European monetary policy. For the Germans, selecting Mr. Duisenberg, with his hard-money credentials and years as a trusted banker in a country linked to the Deutsche mark zone, means nothing less than retaining the de facto authority that they have exercised over the European monetary system for decades. It is an uncomfortable, taboo-laden issue but one so basic to the German national interest and voters' instincts that Gerhard Schroeder, the Social Democrat heavily favored to become chancellor in September, said last week that Mr. Duisenberg's nomination would be a positive signal to everyone. For the French, leaving the bank to Mr. Duisenberg

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By Tom Buerkle

LONDON - American and Euro-

pean aviation regulators renewed calls

Tuesday for tighter safety standards in

developing countries after the crash in Colombia of an Air France flight that

was using a jetliner leased from an Ecuadoran military transport company

and operated by it.

The Boeing 727 aircraft made a wrong turn after taking off from Bogota's airport late Monday and

crashed just below the peak of the 3,444-meter-high El Cable mountain,

Air France Crash Spurs

New Calls on Standards

Human Rights Body Snubs U.S. on Cuba

Anti-Castro Resolution Voted Down

By Brian Knowlton rnational Herald Tribune

WASHINGTON — In a dramatic sign of waning support for U.S. efforts to isolate. Cuba, the United Nations Commission on Human Rights, meeting in Geneva, on Tuesday voted down a U.S.-backed resolution critical of Cuban human-rights policies.

The vote — the first time in seven years such a resolution had been defeated by the commission — was labeled a direct slap in the face to President Clinton" by a spokesman for Senator Jesse Helms, the conservative chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

It appeared to be a clear indication that efforts by President Fidel Castro to place a kinder face on his Communist overnment, highlighted by Pope John aul II's recent visit to the island, were beginning to pay off.

This is the victory of reason," the Cuban delegate to the commission, Alfonso Martinez, said after the vote, which carried by 19 to 16, with 18 abstentions. Mr. Martinez praised the vote as a "victory over inflexibility and lack of tolerance.

The U.S. State Department expressed its keen disappointment with the vote. We do believe that the commission's failure to adopt this resolution will unfortunately be interpreted as a sign of support for the repressive policies of the Cuban government," said a spokesman, who spoke on the

basis of anonymity. The spokesman said the administration found it "disturbing" that some countries which had previously supported the U.S. resolution had changed their positions this year. Despite the releases of some Cuban political pris-oners, he added, "the basic situation remains unchanged."

The United States has appeared increasingly isolated in its Cuba policy. It has been harshly criticized by Europeans and others for the Helms-Burton law aimed at restricting foreign invest-

killing all 43 passengers and 10 crew members, Colombian authorities said.

Air traffic controllers warned the

plane that it was off course moments

The Air France flight originated in

Paris and used an Air France plane and

crew on the leg to Bogota, but under a long-term leasing arrangement, passen-

gers continuing to Quito switched to the

Boeing 727 operated by Transportes

Aereos Militares de Ecuador, a transport

The accident underscored a feature of

airline run by the Ecuadoran military.

the booming worldwide travel industry

that increasingly worries regulators and

consumer organizations: Airline dereg-

ulation has brought thousands of once

exotic destinations within reach of mil-

lions of ordinary travelers, but passen-

gers often have little assurance or knowledge that the carrier who sold their ticket will actually provide the

aircraft and crew to take them there or that air-safety standards will be properly enforced by regulators in the country of

"This is a very big issue," said Kath-

erine Crudy, a spokesman for the Federal Aviation Administration in Washington.

'The entire world is taking a much more global outlook to aviation safety."

Since 1992, the agency has assessed

aviation authorities in 87 countries or

regional blocs and found that two-thirds

did not fully comply with the global safety standards set by the International

before it crashed, a Colombian aviation official said Tuesday. The pilot ac-knowledged the warning, but did not report any emergency before the plane

went down.

ment in Cuba, though the European Union has now dropped a legal chalenge to the act. (Page 13)

The vote Tuesday brought dismay from conservatives, some Cuban-American exile groups and humanrights organizations.

'It's a stunning defeat for the Clinton administration, coming just days after the president met with many of the Latin American leaders in Santiago," said Marc Thiessen, spokesman for Senator Helms. The leaders with whom President Bill Clinton met included some whose representatives voted against the U.S. resolution, Mr. Thiessen said.

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Midwest Finds the **W**orld at Its Door

By Helen Dewar

HASTINGS, Nebraska -- When Senator Chuck Hagel, Republican of Nebraska, visited the T-L Irrigation Co. here last Tuesday, the big topic was an impending shopping trip by a delegation from China. A reporter from a local television station wanted to know about Asia's financial turmoil. What about funding for the International Monetary Fund, a manufacturer of cattle watering troughs asked Mr. Hagel over sandwiches at the OK Cafe.

By the end of the day, Mr. Hagel had touched down verbally almost everywhere from Bosnia to Turkmenistan to the Philippines. "We are living in a global village, undergirded by a global economy,' told students at the University of Nebraska, using words not nor-mally associated with a Midwestern Republican conservative.

So much for the midcentury image of the largely Republican Mid-western Farm Belt as the wellspring of American isolationism, a sterectype that lingered long after the reality began to fade.

Now it is a hothed of trade-based internationalism, and Mr. Hagel, for one, is ready to help lead a fight to ensure that the Republican Party's presidential nominee in 2000 shares that thinking. As farm exports grew after World War II, the Midwest became more like the rest of the country, producing its share of foreign-policy leaders, recently including such Republicans as Senator Richard Lugar of Indiana and the former Senate majority leader, Bob Dole of Kansas, as well as those

who thundered against foreign aid. By the end of the Cold War, the country often seemed to be pulling back from the world, unleashing nationalist and protectionist forces that thrived in a climate of disengagement. At the same time, Midwestern exports were growing at a fast clip. Now, after several decades of mounting dependence on foreign markets to absorb its agricultural abundance and a recently passed "Freedom to Farm" bill encouraging even more pro-duction, America's breadbasket is wedded to the world.

As a result, its politicians are in the forefront of many internationalist initiatives, although this clearly has its limits when Midwestern eco-

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Ryutaro Hashimoto on Tuesday.

A grandmother of Angelina's wiping tears at the funeral Tuesday with the slain girl's mother, Violet Dlamini.

Infant's Murder Shakes South Africans

By Lynne Duke

ZESFONTEIN, South Africa -Nicholas Steyn was drunk that day, for that is how he usually was, his black workers said - a drunk and angry white man, although no one could say quite why. But it was best to give him a wide berth, they said, for he also flaunted guns. He would shoot into the air in bursts of belligerence. People had been afraid of him for a long time. So when Mr. Steyn shouted angrily at

11-year-old Francina Dlamini from the gate of his rural homestead one day, she did not stop. Toting her 6-month-old cousin Angelina in a traditional blanket ponch on her back, Francina was nearing the three-room hut where she lived with 10 relatives, who represented two generations of rural workers for the

Steyn family. She was almost home. But Mr. Steyn fired a handgun. A bullet blazed along the tops of the tall dry grass, straight at Angelina's head. It smashed through the infant's skull and came to a stop in Francina's back.

Screams immediately arose from this obscure locale about 40 kilometers (25 miles) east of Johannesburg, and they have been joined, in the ensuing days, by the collective expressions of angst from a nation struck by the symbolism of the April 11 killing: that the ugly past of apartheid remains palpable for those who live at society's margins, subject to the whims of their rural employers.

Baby Angelina was buried Tuesday. Her tombstone read simply that

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AGENDA

Catholic Man Shot To Death in Ulster

PORTADOWN, Northern Ireland (AFP) — A man was shot and killed Tuesday in Portadown, Northern Ireland, hospital sources said.

The victim, a Catholic in his 30s, was approached by a man on a bicycle in a Protestant area of the town who shot him several times in the head, police sources said. The man was taken to a hospital where he died later. No one has claimed responsibility

for the shooting, and police would not say whether the incident was linked to the province's sectarian conflict. Speaking before the man died, the

British Northern Ireland secretary, Mo Mowlam, condemned the shooting as "a cowardly act which will be utterly repugnant to everyone.'

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Tiny Vehicles Born of European Loophole

By John Tagliabue
New York Times Service

ES HERBIERS, France - It is 8 feet 2 inches long, with just two seats, a diesel engine that purrs like an outboard motor and a top speed of 27 miles an hour. The transmission is so basic that it has only two settings, forward and reverse.

Amazingly, this little car, made in this town in western France, sells for about 10 percent more than the smallest fully equipped models of Nissan, Ford or Fiat.

What is the selling point? Simple. The car can be driven without a driver's license. Indeed, in several large European countries, such as Italy and Spain, it can be driven by anyone 14 and older. For the half-dozen or so French and Italian companies that make the dimin-utive vehicles — called volturettes in France and quadricicli in Italy — that has been enough to create a thriving market, particularly among the elderly and the very young.

Europe's streets are so congested, and its gasoline prices so high, that even licensed drivers are squeezing into these midget cars.

The contrast with the United States, where drivers increasingly favor ever-bigger, evermore-powerful vehicles, could not be more stark. Two of these tiny cars, parked end to end, could hide behind a Ford Expedition sportutility vehicle with room to spare.

Voiturettes, which get about 68 miles a gallon (3.5 liters per 100 kilometers), are probably the only automobiles, if they are in fact automobiles, with their roots in a legal loophole. French law exempts people who drive certain light vehicles from needing a license.

The law was intended for motor scooters. but because it does not mention the number of wheels, enterprising French companies began building the bulbous four-wheeled runabouts two decades ago and found a ready customer base among people who for whatever reason lacked driver's licenses.

The manufacturers have expanded their market, two years ago banding together and lobbying successfully to have the cars legalized in much of the rest of Europe. In 1997, sales of the nine-member trade association totaled 16,000 voiturettės; they are expected to rise this year to about 25,000. Top manufacturers like Microcar and Aixam, both of France, expect sales to double by 2000.

More and more, these manufacturers are looking for buyers among professionals and homemakers who just want to get around the narrow lanes of villages from Tuscany to Touraine.

European makers of conventional small cars, such as Renault in France, Volkswagen in Germany and Fiat in Italy, have poured billions of dollars into small-car development in recent years, paying little attention to the voitur-

ettes.
"Our products are significantly different, said Luc Bastard, a spokesman for the Association of European Automobile Manufac-turers in Brussels. "They are not really com-

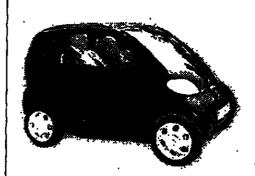
peting."
Others are less sure. "This is an interesting market," said Nigel Griffith, head of automotive research at DRI/McGraw Hill in Lon-"because very few people know about

Several changes combined to breathe fresh life into the voiturette industry, a Lilliputian

copy of the mainstream automobile business. In the late 1970s, public transport in the French countryside declined as the state railroad cut back underused routes, prompting several French companies to try their hand at building small cars for elderly people who were stranded in the country without a driver's license.

French law specified that anyone 14 or older, license or no, could drive a motorized vehicle with an engine capacity of less than 50 cubic centimeters. The age limit has since been lifted to 16.

In 1981, the pleasure-boat manufacturer Jeanneau in this village about 50 miles from the Atlantic coast decided to adapt its skills with fiberglass paneling and motors to produce a four-wheeled vehicle that it dubbed the Mi-



Mercedes' two-seat Smart Car, available in October, will be allowed on highways. "The law didn't mention the number of wheels or anything else," said Dominique Mathon, managing director of the company's Microcar division. Two years ago, after Jeanneau was acquired by the big French yacht builder Beneteau, best known abroad for its sleek sailboats, it joined several other voiturette makers to lobby the European Union for laws that would make any volturette model that was approved in one European country automatically marketable in all 14 other member states.

"This town has 12,000 people, and there's one bus a day to Nantes," the next largest city, said Mr. Mathon, a former Volkswagen ex-'So from a loophole we created a ecutive. ' product, and from the product we created new egislation '

Armed with the new law, Microcar last year enlisted Italiet, an Italian motorcycle maker, to sell its cars in Italy and Spain. Automobiles Ligier, another French manufacturer, signed a deal with Piaggio, the Italian company that makes Vespa scooters, to market its Ambra brand of voiturette outside France.

In 1997, the first full year of sales, Piaggio sold 2,200 Ambras in Italy alone, after selling 800 in the final two months of 1996, and this year it hopes to sell more than 3,000.

"The phenomenon is growing," said Simone Piattelli, a Piaggio spokesman. "We're

OURING MICROCAR'S factory here is like going through a miniature version of an auto plant. The lightweight body is formed by gluing together nine sheets of reinforced polyester.

To keep costs down, said Jean-Luc Martineau, the technical director, Microcar cannibalizes conventional vehicles. Thus, the headlights and taillights come from the Opel Corsa, a subcompact made by General Motors' European subsidiary; the continuously variable transmission is supplied by Bombardier of Canada, which uses it in a snowmobile.

"The design is ours, and then we modify it to fit standard parts," Mr. Martineau said. Voiturettes, with their top speed of 27 miles

(43.5 kilometers) an hour, are not permitted on highways, so for maximum efficiency they are equipped with one- or two-cylinder diesel engines. By law, the vehicles cannot weigh more than 770 pounds (350 kilograms). The Microcar, like its French and Italian competitors, is almost 4 feet (1.2 meters) shorter than Ford's smallest model, the Ka, which weighs about



Workers pushing a 770-pound Microcar through the assembly line at Les Herbiers.

and South America. But Ford, which sold 202,000 Kas in Europe last year, its first full year of sales, says it does not fear the voiturettes. When asked if he thought of them as competition, Don Hume, a spokesman for Ford Europe in Britain, replied, "In all honesty, no." Their engines are small, he said, and their use limited to city driving. In some large European countries, such as Britain, they are prohibited. "If you look at the customer profile, they're quite different," he

1,900 pounds and is made and sold in Europe

Market analysts say the voiturette's real problem is price. A Microcar, for instance, sells for up to 78,000 francs (\$12,900), more than the Ka and such similar models as the Renault Twingo or the Fiat Cinquecento. Such cars are built for up to five passengers, feature five-speed transmissions and are equipped for highway driving. Many can come with air conditioning and air bags and other safety features lacking in voiturettes.

Voiturettes are costly, said Didier Joos who recently studied the market for DRI/McGraw Hill, because of their reliance on expensive standard parts and small production runs. Last year, the biggest manufacturer, Aixam, turned out only about 5,800 cars. "With this volume it

is difficult to produce cheaply," he said. Moreover, he said, future legislative changes, like requiring a driver's license, could turn the boom into a fluke. The industry estimates that about half of all voinnette owners are older than

No one expects prices to come down significantly. Mr. Mathon says the component and materials needed to keep the size and weight within the law are simply too expensive. But prices are expected to come down a bit, and there have even been hints of a price war in France recently.

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If a market for two-seaters - other than sport cars — arises in Europe, Mr. Jos and others say, it will more likely be driven by a conventional model such as the Smart Car. which Mercedes-Benz will start selling in Oc-tober. Mercedes, a unit of Daimler-Benz of Germany, developed the Smart Car with SMH. the Swiss conglomerate that makes Swatches, making it the first large European automaker to enter the two-seater market.

"One is a real car trying to be a forward. looking approach to urban mobility," said Mr. Joos, referring to the Smart Car. "The other is something very much related to legislation and the social fact that some people have no accessto mobility.'

Still, some motorists with driver's licenses are willing to pay a premium for the volumene's size and extreme mobility in congested cines.

"This car helps me to schedule one or two more appointments a day than my colleagues," said Dominique Fessart, a property manager in Paris, of his white Microcar Lyra. "I can practically park wherever I want."

But, he added, "I know what a real car is."

He has a BMW for the highway.

U.S. Plan Would Charge for Air-Traffic Control

pendent on funding from calls for undefined fees that In announcing the proposal place the kind of nimble, con-Congress, would be able to could trickle back to passen- Monday, Mr. Slater said the sumer-focused management tion proposal.

The proposal, announced airfares.

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by Rodney Slater, the trans-One existing fee, the Pas- that is creative and flexible WASHINGTON - The portation secretary, and Jane senger Facility Charge, would enough to allow us to meet air-traffic control system in Garvey, the head of the Fed- rise to \$4 per ticket from \$3 the United States, now de- eral Aviation Administration, per ticket under the proposal.

charge fees for its services gers either directly in the form new structure, both operation- structure that will allow us to under a Clinton administra- of higher passenger taxes or ally and monetarily, was respond in a nimble and efindirectly through increased needed if the air-traffic control fective fashion to the chalsystem is to keep pace with the lenges at hand." expected increase in passengers. Last year, some 600 million people flew through U.S. skies; in little more than a decade, that figure is projected to surpass 1 billion.

We have to be able to put in place a funding mechanism of its air-traffic system.

that demand." Mr. Slater said. "We also have to put in

The National Air Traffic Controllers

Association, which represents 14,500 airtraffic controllers, said the funding plan was necessary for the United States to complete a badly needed overhaul DEATH NOTICE

EU Studies Night-Flight Limits

BRUSSELS (Reuters) - The European Commission is considering whether to impose rules limiting night flights at European Union airports, the EU transport commissioner, Neil Kinnock, said Tuesday.

The intention, he said, was not to expand night flying but to allow some "harmonization" to ensure fair competition. Air express carriers have criticized legislation in some EU until noon Wednesday, union sources said. states that set night-flight restrictions or curfews at airports, while airport authorities complain that traffic is being diverted

Australia Plans Huge Marine Park

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the world's second-largest marine park. Australia governs the world's largest marine reserve — the Great Barrier Reef.

The new Great Australian Bight Marine Park will encompassing 1.7 million hectares (4.2 million acres). About 382,500 hectares along the coastline will be reserved for mammal protection while 1.3 million hectares will protect sea-floor wildlife including sponges, algae and sea fins:

Striking dockworkers at the French port of Calais mounted a blockade Tuesday on Channel traffic that may coming

Despite measures to try to make Greek highwayssafer, 35 motorists were killed and about 500 injured during the fourday Orthodox Easter holiday last weekend.

More than 200 Alitalia flights were canceled Tuesday at SYDNEY (AFP) — Australia unveiled plans Tuesday for Leonardo da Vinci Airport in Rome after flight attendants for Italy's flag airline walked off the job. Striking Alitalia pilos forced the cancellation of 61 flights at Milan's airports. (AP)



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The religious service will be held on Thursday April 24, at 14:30 at the Aubonne Temple.

Family Addresses: Ch. de la Girarde 16, 1055 Epalinges, Suisse 9, rue Mandar, 75002 Paris This will be the official notice

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WEATHER

Forecast for Thursday through Saturday, as provided by AccuWeather.

TRAVEL UPDATE

North America

Europe North America

Rainy in Southern California Thursday, then dry and cooler with suntaine. Very warm and dry across the Plans, but thunderstorms any day, then dry and may cool with showers Thursday with other Priday. Sunny and mild in the Midwest. Showers are likely in the Northeast Thursday with southern Greece Friday and Saturday. Sealing and pleasant with sunshine.

Europe

London and Paris will be Very warm in Beijing very warm in Beijing very warm in Beijing very sun Hursday with showers, them turning cooler. Showers and warm weather in dry and cooler Saturday. Tokyo will be warm with warmer Friday and Saturday. Steamy in Southern Greece Friday and Saturday. Steamy in Southeast Chuna.

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A Diverse Coalition Takes Shape to Fight Against NATO Enlargement By Eric Schmitt trying to reverse the tide of support for "There's been no softening — in ordinated effort. "There was a con-

New York Times Service

WASHINGTON — Ben & Jerry's, the ice-cream company, is against expanding NATO. So are the conservative activist Phyllis Schlafly and Sam Nunn, the retired Georgia Democrat who was the Senate's most authoritative voice on national-security matters.

From left, right and center - and all points in between on the political compass — an unlikely coalition of armscontrol advocates, business leaders, United Nations-bashers and foreignpolicy specialists has launched a grass-

roots campaign to derail the addition of

Hungary, Poland and the Czech Republic to the military alliance.

A business group headed by Ben Cohen, chairman of Ben & Jerry's, aired a 30-second commercial on several network talk shows Sunday warning that expansion of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization would alienate Russia and rekindle Cold War tensions. The same group took out a full-page ad in The New York Times on Monday with the head-

line, "Hey, Let's Scare the Russians!" The right-to-left coalition has set up 'electronic town meetings' on talkradio shows in more than 20 cities.

Opponents of NATO expansion know they face an uphill struggle in

NATO expansion in the Senate, which is expected to resume debate on the issue this week. Two-thirds of the Senate - 67 of 100 senators - must approve the expansion. "We need 34 converts, and that's a

long way to go," said Senator Robert Smith, a New Hampshire Republican who has championed the fight against Officials of President Bill Clinton's

administration say they are confident they have the votes to win approval of the expansion, but they acknowledge there is always some tightening up as a final vote approaches.

fact, we've been strengthening the vote," said one senior government official, who added that administration aides had "worked hard" over the recent two-week congressional recess to coax and cajole fence-sitters.

But the loose coalition seems to have picked up steam after the NATO debate, and a final vote was postponed until after the recess by Senator Trent Lott of Mississippi, the majority leader, who supports enlarging the alliance.

A variety of groups had been wagin individual campaigns against NATO expansion for nearly a year and recently sought strength in numbers with a co-

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vergence of concern," said Mark Sommer, director of the Mainstream Media Project, an educational organization in California that helped produce the hourlong radio call-in programs.

Liberals and many business leaders, including Mr. Cohen, voice concern about the costs of NATO expansion estimated at as much as \$125 billion over 10 years, depending on various assumptions — and about antagonizing

"Ben's belief is that NATO's expansion will soak up billions of taxpayers' dollars that could be better spent on our domestic agenda, such as edu-

director of Business Leaders for Sensible Priorities, an educational and lobbying organization that raised \$150,000 for the

television and newspaper ads. Mr. Cohen is president of the organization. The newspaper ad warns: "Let's take NATO and expand it toward Russia's very borders. We'll assure the Russians

we come in peace." The ad continues: "It's the same feeling of peace and security Americans would have if Russia were in a military alliance with Canada and Mexico, armed to the teeth and excluding the United States. We'd all sleep better

Supreme Court Rejects Appeal By Publisher of 'Hit Man' Book

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By Joan Biskupic Washington Post Service

WASHINGTON - The Supreme Court has allowed the publisher of a 'murder manual'' that was used to help carry out a grisly triple homicide to be sued for civil damages.

The case was brought by relatives of the victims - a Silver Spring, Maryland, woman, her quadriplegic son and 'his nurse - who were murdered five years ago by a contract killer who meticulously followed the manual's instructions.

In their ruling Monday, the justices refused to interfere with an unprecedented ruling last year by an appeals court that said Paladin Enterprises could be held financially responsible for "aiding and abetting" the killer in carrying out the murders with the help of a manual called "Hit Man" that he had purchased from a mail-order catalogue.

The 4th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals had said that because the book specifically encouraged murder and went beyond "abstract advocacy," it was not covered by the First Amendment.

The case has been closely watched by free-speech lawyers who feared that, if the dispute were allowed to go forward, newspapers, book publishers, movie producers and others could be held responsible for crimes said to have been inspired by their works.

Several movies, including Oliver Stone's "Natural Born Killers," and many bomb-making manuals, have been targeted in other court cases in recent years. At the same time, legislation is pending in Congress to stop the distribution of bomb-making instructions, particularly on the Internet.

Monday that the order could hurt pub-lishers nationwide. We thought it should be a sufficiently clear matter of First Amendment law that a publisher cannot be held liable for the acts of third parties" who read its books, he said.

But Rodney Smolla, representing the victims' relatives before the high court, said this was no ordinary book. "If it has the purpose of training others to commit murder," he said, "it has forfeited the

protections of the First Amendment." The relatives are seeking unspecified compensatory and punitive damages against Paladin.

A group of more than a dozen media companies, as well as the Horror Writers Association, had urged the justices to reverse the appeals court's yuling on free-speech protection for maerials that could be used by criminals. The media consortium, which included The Washington Post Co., said the 4th Circuit ruling had opened all but the most benign kind of ideas to lawsuits.

The high court order Monday rejecting the publishers' appeal was made without comment. Because the Supreme Court turned away the case, it leaves the liability standard in place for the five-state 4th Circuit but sets no national precedent. The order clears the way for a trial to begin against Paladin as early as this autumn.

The case stems from a triple murder that shocked the Washington area in 1993. The homicides were carried out by a hit man, James Perry, who had been hired by Lawrence Horn to kill his ex-

wife, Mildred Horn, and son, Trevor, 8. Mr. Horn wanted them dead so that he could inherit a \$1.7 million malpractice settlement resulting from a negligence lawsuit against the hospital where his son had suffered brain damage. Janice Saunders, an overnight nurse who cared

for the boy, also was killed.
In criminal trials, Mr. Perry was sentenced to die for the murders, and Mr. Hom was sentenced to life in prison for

masterminding the plot. Relatives and estates of the victims then sued Paladin, based in Boulder. Colorado, because as Mr. Perry was plotting the crime, he bought the company's book, "Hit Man: A Technical Manual for Independent Contractors," by an anonymous author.

Partisan Face-Off on Education

WASHINGTON - With a pep rally, news conferences and hours of well-rehearsed oratory, Senate Republicans and Democrats have squared off for a confrontation over educanon policy that appears headed for the campaign trail rather than the statute books.

This is probably as defining an issue for us and for the Republicans as you're going to see for the rest of the year. the minority leader, Thomas Daschle of South Dakota, said in virtually the only point of agreement between the two parties as they vie for advantage on an issue that millions of Americans regard as their top priority.

The debate may be time-consuming and "messy," said the majority leader, Trent Lott of Mississippi, but "this is time we should take to discuss and debate how we can contribute to improvements in elementary and secondary education, With votes expected late this week, Republicans are

championing legislation, already passed by the House, to provide tax breaks for education-related expenses of children in private as well as public schools. Other proposals include one to convert most education aid programs into block grants to states. Lacking the votes to sustain a filibuster because of defections from their ranks, Democrats are pushing a dozen separate initiatives, including proposals to hire more teachers and repair old schools by subsidizing interest payments on school bonds.

Each party accuses the other of either nibbling at the edge of the nation's educational problems — from low test scores to overcrowded classrooms and danger-filled schoolyards or pursuing ideological approaches that would exacerbate these problems. Behind the specifics is a more fundamental philosophic divide, with Republicans pushing to reduce the federal role in education and promote "choice" in schooling and Democrats seeking to preserve federal participation and focus it on popular causes.

Most if not all of the major Democratic proposals are likely to fail. While the Republican bill is certain to pass,

Democrats say they have the votes to sustain President Bill Clinton's veto — virtually eliminating any chance of a major education bill being enacted this year. (WP)

Medicare Panel Gets a Warning

WASHINGTON - A new Medicare commission will have to decide what health coverage the nation can afford and what it can't - for Baby Boomers in retirement, says Alan Greenspan, chairman of the Federal Reserve Board.

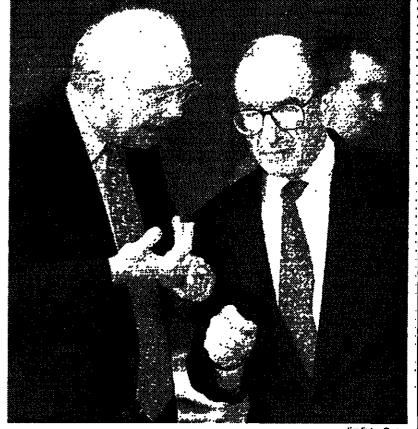
"Reality is invariably going to create a situation in which, granted the type of system we have, the demand for medical ervices is almost surely going to exceed the basic available supply," Mr. Greenspan told lawmakers and private-sector experts gathered for the second meeting of the National Bipartisan Commission on the Future of Medicare.

'Political compromises are going to have to be made," he said, quipping at the end of his testimony, "I much prefer to be a witness than a member of the commission."

By March, the 17-member panel must recommend to Congress and the president some way to keep Medicare from collapsing. Taking into account the aging of the population alone, health care spending in the United States is expected to increase 20 percent over the next three decades. (AP)

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Geraldine Ferraro, asked why she was making a second attempt to win the Democratic nomination to run against Senator Alfonse D'Amato of New York: "Because I really want to have an impact on what's going on in our country in the next century. I really do. I have pictures of my grandchildren here, which I'd be happy to show you. I look at what's happening to them. I look at what's happening in our society, with the enormous difference between haves and have-nots. If we do not start investing now, by the time the have-nots are adults, it's going to be too late.



Senator Phil Gramm, Republican of Texas, enumerating his points to Alan Greenspan at the bipartisan Medicare commission's hearing.

Ex-Secret Service Agent Tells of Long Clinton-Lewinsky Meeting

By George Lardner Jr. Washington Post Service

.WASHINGTON — A retired Secret Service officer, Lewis Fox, says that President Bill Clinton told him and a plainclothes agent on duty outside the Oval Office in the fall of 1995 to "close the door" after Monica Lewinsky walked in because 'she'll be in here for a while.'

weekend day, Mr. Fox said that he had been expecting Ms. Lewinsky to show up because Mr. Clinton had told him about 10 minutes earlier that he was expecting a young aide from the White

House legislative affairs office. Mr. Fox said he assumed it would be Ms. Lewinsky and described investigating the Lewinsky matter. The retired her to the other agent.

'I said she's got dark black hair and I made hand ignals indicating a curvaceous figure," Mr. Fox said. "It was known she'd been around the Oval

Ms. Lewinsky had not emerged when Mr. Fox's shift ended about 40 minutes later. He said Monday that he was sure no one else entered the preside office during that period because all the doors were locked and their alarms set.

A veteran of the Secret Service's uniformed

officer's account was first published in this week's editions of U.S. News & World Report.

Mr. Fox said he decided to speak out again now because "I'm trying to get all this washed away."
He said his credibility had been questioned by White House "spin doctors" and he wanted to reaffirm his account.

the independent counsel, Kenneth Starr, in seeking Secret Service testimony from other officers and agents. After weeks of inconclusive talks, Mr. Starr branch, Mr. Fox said he gave these details and recently filed a sealed motion to compel their

testimony despite the Justice Department's assertion of a new and untested privilege to shield Secret Service members from disclosing certain matters important to the protection of the president.

Mr. Start has been trying to find out what Secret Service officers and agents might have seen or heard as part of his investigation of whether Mr. Clinton had a sexual relationship with Ms. Lewinsky and tried to cover it up.

Mr. Fox said he was on weekend duty, filling in for Gary Byrne, the regular Secret Service officer at the post, when Ms. Lewinsky showed up.

Mr. Byrne also has reportedly been subpoenaed by Mr. Starr to testify.

White House Won't Lift Ban On Needle-Exchange Funds

By Sheryl Gay Stolberg
New York Times Service

internal debate, the Clinton administration has declined to lift a ban imposed nine years ago on federal funding for programs to distribute clean needles to drug addicts, even as the government's top scientists cer-tified that such programs do not encourage drug abuse and can save lives by reducing the spread of AIDS.

The decision, announced by Donna Shalala, the secretary of health and human services, was denounced by public health experts and advocates for people with AIDS, who had been federal money from organizations that told in recent days that the ban was provide free needles, even though the about to be lifted.

"At best this is hypocrisy," said Dr. Scott Hitt, chairman of the President's Advisory Council on HIV and WASHINGTON — After a bitter AIDS. "At worst, it's a lie. And no matter what, its immoral."

The decision came after a week of negotiations between Ms. Shalala's staff and the White House, according to two administration officials familiar with the talks. Ms. Shalala had been pressing to rescind the ban, with some restrictions, and was prepared to defend that decision on Capitol Hill, knowing

it was bound to be controversial. But the president's policy advisers feared that Republicans might push through legislation that would strip money was used for other purposes.

Abortion Foes Convicted of Extortion

By Jon Jeter Washington Post Service

CHICAGO — A jury has found that leading anti-abor-tion groups violated federal racketeering laws initially designed to prosecute mobsters by directing protesters to use extortion and threats of violence in attempts to shut

down two abortion clinics. The verdict followed seven weeks of testimony in a class-action lawsuit filed on behalf of two women's health clinics in Milwaukee and Wilming-

ton, Delaware. The jury's decision, announced Monday, opens the nearly 1,000 facilities that provide abortion services na-

Calling the decision "a time that the civil provisions group and in another antimajor victory for women's of the anti-rackeering statute, abortion organization, Operrights," the National Orga- devised in 1970 as a weapon ation Rescue, to use threats ago, said it would "win a lawsuit against the anti-aborpermanent injunction against tion movement. the defendants' blockades. extortion and other use of

force or violence at clinics.' Judge David Coar of U.S. District Court scheduled: a hearing for Wednesday to discuss the order.

Jurors ordered the defendants to pay nearly \$86,000 to the two clinics to cover expenses they incurred in providing additional security precautions. A federal judge can door for similar claims by the order that award tripled under

The case marked the first

the Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Act.

movement — Scheidler, Andrew Scholberg mostly the formation of bar-

tion League — had directed

nization for Women, which against organized crime, had and acts of intimidation and intitiated the lawsuit 12 years been used in a class-action extortion in their efforts to shut down clinics providing abortion services. Jurors found that the de-Plaintiffs in the suit alleged

that three prominent organ-fendants had engineered a naizers in the anti-abortion tionwide conspiracy that involved 21 acts of extortion, and Timothy Murphy of the Chicago-based Pro-Life Acof medical clinics. Lawyers for the defendants

activists involved in that said they would appeal.

Away From Politics

• Terry Nichols has rejected an offer of leniency in exchange for information about the Oklahoma City bombing, saying it would put him in legal jeopardy if he is tried in Oklahoma. He was convicted in Denver of conspiracy in the attack. (AP)

• A 13-year-old boy who bragged to the police that his nickname was "Mr. Pimp" was sentenced to two months in juvenile detention and ordered to seek counseling for trying to arrange sex for hire among his classmates in Reston, Virginia. (AP)

 A privately run juvenile prison lost its license because of violations that included physical abuse of inmates and female staffers having sex with boys, Colorado state officials said.

 A 79-year-old resident of a home for the mentally disabled in Gainesville, Florida, died from burns he suffered when he was lowered into a whirlpool of 130-degree water during his regular bath.

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In Southern Iraq, the '91 Revolt Is Long Over

By Doug Struck
Washington Post Service

KARBALA, Iraq — The walls are whitewashed now, erased of the bloody handprints that told of death. The hypnotic blue tiles of the Al Abbas mosque are repaired, and President Saddam Hussein gave the gold to regild the shrine, pummeled when his tanks put down a revolt after the

Seven years after a fight-to-thedeath uprising in southern Iraq, the Iraqi government has rebuilt the flattened buildings of the rebels' last stand and tightened its stranglehold

Here and in other cities of the south, the zeal that fed a revolt against Mr. Saddam's regime after the allied bombs stopped has been replaced by the weary struggle of daily life in an impoverished, swel-

Only a museum of the macabre in a side room of the Al Abbas shrine in Karbala tries to preserve evidence of the fierce fighting. But even the strange track of aluminum windows laid end-to-end on the floor over blood from the rebels' victims has not kept the red stains from fading.

Shiite Muslims who embraced the revolt have now learned their lines: 'Karbala is heaven,'' said Hassan Ali Hamsa, 50, sitting near a hotel built over his property, which was destroyed and then confiscated by the government. "Everybody loves the government," he insisted

'The government has rebuilt us: roads, bridges, everything," said Mothena Jaffer, a freezer merchant in Basra, Iraq's southernmost city. "There is no more anger here. We have a saying, 'Live and let die.' "

Any hope that international isolation and the squeezing economic boycott of Iraq will create a revolt against Mr. Saddam appears ever more wishful thinking by the West. The CIA-sponsored resistance movement among Kurds in the north collapsed 20 months ago at the cost of millions of dollars and hundreds of lives, forcing a hasty evacuation of 7,000 collaborators and their families to Turkey and the United States.

And in southern Iraq, Shiite Muslims have no more taste for open revolution. They had watched, incredulous, as the U.S.-led allied forces allowed Mr. Saddam's heli-

in 1991 and they are resigned to the reign of the Iraqi president. "There are no signs of opposition," a veteran diplomat said in Baghdad. "There's

no sign of it, no symptom of it." With good reason. The UN Commission on Human Rights reported this month the Iraqi regime recently executed 1,500 political prisoners, giving credence to claims by Iraqi pposition groups in London that Mr. Saddam's son Qusay has ordered a 'cleansing'' of overflowing jails by

copter gunships to mow them down fore, even soap wouldn't clean us. And we don't have to buy water to drink. We are very grateful

There are other longstanding problems. Electrical power in the south is still weak and unreliable, running at only about 40 percent of needs, and a recent UN. report said that unless billions are invested in electrical generation no widespread improvements will be made to water purification, sewage treatment or reduction in waterborne disease.

Medical care remains a problem,

The Iraqi government has rebuilt the flattened buildings of the rebels' last stand and tightened its stranglehold on the region.

dam is for keeps here," an Asian diplomat said. "With every crisis he consolidates power. He has become a national hero for 'beating' the Amer-

Still, Mr. Saddam does not trust the goodwill of his people. The roads from Baghdad to Basra bristle with a show of force. There are scores of army checkpoints and military encampments, tents and gun emplacements baking in the sun. In Basra, a line of military statues points across the river to the traditional enemy Iran, but on the road to Basra the guns are

Shiite Muslims make up 65 percent of Iraq's population, but have long been a repressed and suspect majority. An early schism in Islam produced two main branches of the faith; Iraq's Sunni Muslim minority — and for many years, the West has long been wary of the spreading religious fervor from Shiite Iran. The 1991 rebellion briefly threatened to unite the Shiites in Iraq with their co-religionists in Iran, which could have further splintered Iraq, a country of tribal loyalties held together in Mr.

Saddam's grip.

To reward the south's newfound loyalty, the president has rebuilt the mosques that are central to the Shiites and refurbished towns damaged in fighting. A new canal from the Euphrates and a water purification plant recently brought potable water to Basra for the first time.

"Now I can wash my face," said Jabber Ali, 31, a tea merchant. "Be-

shooting and electrocution. "Sad- as it is throughout Iraq. Medicine is scarce, hospitals lack staff and basic equipment. Mortality is high. The weak perish. The tiny baby in the rundown "preemie" ward in the Saddam Hussein Hospital for Children in Karbala probably will not

> These casualties do not threaten the Iraqi leader's rule. On the contrary, the deaths are propaganda windfalls, used by officials to illustrate what they portray as the evils of sanctions, which, indeed, kill the

> make it. The old woman begging in the street will catch an infection and

veakest and most vulnerable. Southern Iraq has long carried a heavy share of this burden. It is poor, visited by disease and host to regular warfare since the seventh century. Imam Ali, cousin of the Prophet Mohammed, defeated two of his relatives nearby and paused to call Basra 'an accursed place.'

It is still dangerous. In rural areas, highway bandits prowl the roads. Drivers do not venture out at night and the government, with some reluctance, has sought help from local tribal leaders to curb the crime.

Basra was the front line of the Iran-Iraq War, which claimed a million lives between 1980 and 1988. Two years later, Iraqi troops rumbled through Basra to invade Kuwait, just 145 kilometers (90 miles) away, and returned after Operation Desert Storm. The routed tide of humiliated soldiers walking back to Iraq joined local Shiites and some Iranian fighters to stage a revolt that was merciless

in its birth and was shown no mercy at

When a correspondent visited Karbala after the revolt failed in 1991, the pools of caked blood underneath nooses in the Al Abbas shrine marked where 73 government and party members were hanged by the revolutionaries. Rooms that stank of death and carried the signature of bloody handprints suggested the brutal re-sponse of Mr. Saddam's regrouped Republican Guard.

Now, people here rewrite the past. The damage all was done by the Americans and other Zionist allies, people in Karbala and Najaf will suggest. If pressed about what they call the "Phase of the Traitors," they assert it was a conflict perpetrated by Iranians who came across the bor-

The Iraqi woman in the black chador in Karbala knows otherwise. "My husband was taken on 19 of March, 1991, because of the resistance," she said, gripping the veil across her mouth in Muslim modesty. 'The government came to search our house and took him away. We have heard nothing since then

The travails of their daily life, Iraqis insist, would disappear if the West would end its campaign to topple Mr. Saddam and let the United Nations remove the embargo

'The problem is not with Iraq, the problem is with the United Nations," said Archbishop Djibrael Kassab, head of a tiny Catholic community in southern Iraq. "Believe me, these sanctions do not hurt me. They do not hurt Saddam Hussein. They hurt the people who are very poor." people who are very poor.

■ Rights Condemnation

The UN Commission on Human Rights voted Tuesday to condemn "systematic, widespread and ex-tremely grave violations" in Iraq after Russia failed in an attempt to water down the motion, Renters reported from Geneva.

Iraq's observer delegation took the floor to reject the motion. It blamed international sanctions for the deaths of 1.5 million Iraqis since 1991 and said the commission was "overlooking the real crime of extermination taking place."

Thirty-two states backed the resolution against Iraq. None opposed it, but 21 abstained, including Russia BRIEFLY



ANIMAL SPIRITS, TOO - Walt Disney Co.'s chairman, Michael Eisner. dedicating Animal Kingdom, Disney's new Florida theme park, on Tuesday,

Broadcasts in Persian Gain Key U.S. Approval

WASHINGTON - The Clinton administration has approved a plan to broadcast Persian-language radio into Iran despite concerns that it could upset delicate re-lations between the countries, U.S. officials said Monday.

Under the plan, which must be approved by Congress, Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty would broadcast two hours of Paraguay May Demand mostly local news to Iran daily, starting in September, and six hours next year.

The proposal was approved by the international Broadcasting Bureau, a board appointed by the president that oversees U.S. radio services intended for other coun-

Congress has approved \$4 million in funding for the broadcasts but has yet to vote on the final plan.

would "document facts about current events."

Suspects' Lawyer Cites Pact on Lockerbie Trial

TUNIS — The lawyer for two Libys suspects in the Lockerbie bombing said case before the International Court so the Tuesday he had reached agreement with a violation of an international agreement be lawyer for victims' families on a proposed considered." trial in the Netherlands, under Scottish

The lawyer, Ibrahim Legwell, said he had For the Record told Robert Black, who represent families of some British victims of the 1988 attack on Pan Am Flight 103, and Jim Swire, whose daughter was killed on the flight, that Mexico City has announced. It will be the his clients were ready to stand trial under Pope's fourth visit to Mexico, said the nur-Scottish law in a neutral country. A total of cio, Justo Mullor,

270 people were killed in the explosion of the airliner over Lockerbie, Scotland Mr. Black and Mr. Swire held talks in Tripoli this week with Mr. Legwell and Libyan foreign affairs and justice officials. Mr. Legwell said it had been agreed that the court would be established by an international panel of judges and presided over

by a senior Scottish judge. London and Washington have insisted on a trial in Scotland or the United States.

Damages for Execution

ASUNCION, Paraguay — The government may seek damages from the U.S. government to compensate the family of a Paraguayan for his execution in Virginia last week, a lawyer following the case for the government said. The execution of Angel Francisco

Tom Dine, the president of Radio Free Breard, 32, "may allow legal action to Europe/Radio Liberty, said the broadcasts claim economic compensation for the family," said the attorney, Jose Gorostiaga.

The execution for a 1992 murder was The programming would not be anti- carried out by lethal injection on April 14, government, he said.

(AP) despite requests for a delay from Samuel. despite requests for a delay from Secretary of State Madeleine Albright and the in-ternational Court, to which Paraguay had appealed. The U.S. Supreme Court and the governor of Virginia declined to intervent.

A Foreign Ministry spokesman, Guillermo Yaluff, said Monday that

Pope John Paul II will visit Mexico of

Archbishop Huddleston, Apartheid Foe, Dies at 84 apartheid in South Africa and bishop Huddleston had Africans heard his voice In 1956 he was banned from

By Eric Pace **New York Times Service**

Archbishop Trevor Huddleston, 84, a British Anglican who spent years fighting

helped make its abuses widely known, died in northern England on Monday, the Church of England announced. Reuters reported that Arch-

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suffered from diabetes. Though born in a well-to-

do section of London, he followed his priestly vocation to minister to poor blacks in Johannesburg, and that experience helped him to sympa-

He raised his voice against the racial policy of what was then called the Union of South Africa, which mandated discrimination against nonwhites, especially Africans.

"I had to declare myself in fully supporting the resistance movement of the African National Congress," he said once in an interview. "I felt as a Christian priest that was what I had to do."

'Father Huddleston was a

in 1943, as the priest in charge the Anti-Apartheid Movement of the Anglican mission at in the 1980s and 1990s. Sophiatown, an African slum in Johannesburg, he contended that segregation was immoral. 1993, a year before the coun-Later he was recalled to Eng- try's first elections in which all land by his order, the Com- races were allowed to take munity of the Resurrection. He thought at the time that legal steps were being contemplated against him by the South African government.

and expressed their gratitude. South Africa after the white President Nelson Mandela of government concluded that his South Africa said Monday, presence was a threat to its system. He served as bishop of pillar of wisdom, humility Masasi in Tanzania from 1960 and sacrifice to the legions of to 1968, and ministered to freedom fighters in the Africa as archbishop of the Inthize powerfully with the darkest moments of the dian Ocean from 1978 to 1983, downtrodden. struggle against apartheid." when he also was the bishop of when he also was the bishop of During his years, beginning Mauritius. He was president of

> Pretoria did not lift its prohibition on his presence until part. He went back in 1995, but returned to Britain not long afterward, saying that from there he could encourage foreign investment South Africa.

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Keeping a Potential Disaster at Bay

U.S. and Britain Move Nuclear Materials Out of Caucasus Region

By Michael R. Gordon New York Times Service

MOSCOW - The United States and Britain have begun a secretive operation to remove nuclear material from the volatile Caucasus nation of Georgia, Western officials say.

The supply of highly-enriched urani-

um and spent nuclear fuel is stored at a research reactor outside the Georgian capital of Tbilisi. It has been a serious concern for American officials,

who feared it could fall into the hands of Chechen gangs, Iran, or another aspiring nuclear power. The classified operation to re-

move the nuclear material, which is code-named Auburn Endeavor, also shows that the United States is now prepared to operate in former Soviet republics such as Georgia.

When the Clinton administration proposed removing the material two years ago, it hoped to enlist Russian help and make the operation a model of American-Russian cooperation. But after the Russians failed to make good on promises to accept the material, the United States went ahead with the operation anyway, although Washington

did decide to inform Moscow. The British played a vital role by volunteering to accept the cache, after the administration declined to move it to the United States because of potential challenges from American environmen-

Prime Minister Tony Blair approved the plan to store the nuclear material in Britain, reaffirming this to Mr. Clinton when he visited Washington in early February. British officials told their American counterparts that London considered the operation important enough to make an exception to its regulations against accepting foreign nuclear material.

The Americans also asked the French to take the material, but were rebuffed. American military and civilian personnel are now in Tbilisi packing up the supply, which includes 8.8 pounds (4 kilograms) of highly-enriched uranium and 1.76 pounds of highly radioactive spent fuel.

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This week, U.S. Air Force transports will fly the nuclear cargo to Britain. It will then be taken to the Dounreay nuclear complex, in Scotland, which has the ability to reprocess spent fuel, removing the waste so the uranium can be reused.

Estimates vary about how much material is required to make a nuclear bomb. They depend on the skills of the bomb maker and the size of the explosive.

American officials say the material in Tbilisi, while substantial, would not be enough for a bomb. But private experts say that a skilled bomb maker could use it to make a weapon with a vield equiv- Georgian officials, the greatest danger

alent to 1,000 tons of TNT. Virtually all occurred during the Georgian civil war experts, including the Georgians, bein the early 1990s, when the Tbilisi experts, including the Georgians, believe that the nuclear material would be more secure if it was removed from the

The recent arrival of U.S. military transport aircraft in Tbilisi has sparked reports in the Georgian press that the long-stalled effort to remove the nuclear material appears to be under way.

The Tbilisi reactor's vulnerability has fed growing concern in the West and in

The highly enriched uranium and spent fuel stored near Tbilisi have been a concern for American officials who feared they could fall into the hands of Chechen gangs, Iran, or another aspiring nuclear power.

> Russia about how to protect the region's supply of nuclear weapons and the nuclear materials in the laboratories, power plants, and institutes spread through the former Soviet Union.

The United States and Russia have publicly embraced the goal of protection. But the Georgian case shows how diplomatic and bureaucratic impediments in the United States and Russia can slow the effort.

Georgia, which enjoys good ties with the West, has never had an interest in keeping the supply or beginning a program to develop nuclear weapons.

"Indeed, we have several kilograms of uranium." President Eduard Shevardnadze of Georgia said in a 1996 interview. "We need to get rid of it. But we can't do it independently."

The origins of the Tbilisi material go

back to the days of Soviet power, when Moscow devoted huge sums to its nuclear complex. The research reactor was built outside Tbilisi in 1959 for Georgia's Institute of Physics.

After the 1986 Chernobyl disaster, the reactor was shut down because of safety concerns. That pleased environmentalists, but it left Georgia with a problem: what to do with the plant's nuclear material. The reactor used highly-enriched uranium as fuel, which is a valuable component in making nuclear weapons.

Georgia took some steps on its own to reduce its supply of highly-enriched uranium. It sent a small amount to Uzbekistan, which has a similar reactor. But that still left Georgia with a small supply of enriched uranium, as well as a smaller amount of spent fuel that could be refined into weapons-grade ingredients.

Over the years, Georgian officials say they have had many sleepless nights over the nuclear material. According to reactor was virtually unprotected.

Georgian physicists were afraid that a paramilitary group might discover the supply and try to steal it. But the roving gangs apparently did not know of the supply or were simply content to steal

cars from the reactor's parking lot.
In January 1996, the United States began to get into the act. Specialists at the U.S. Energy Department sent the

White House a classified letter, proposing that Washington work out an arrangement with the Georgians to take the material back to America. There was a precedent for this

type of operation. In 1994, the United States carried out a similar operation in Kazakhstan. Under "Operation Sapphire" more than a half-ton of bombgrade uranium was transported to the nuclear complex at Oak

But the State Department was wary about starting an operation in the Russians' backyard without consulting Moscow. Other Clinton administration officials were afraid that taking the small amount of nuclear waste could rile environmentalists in the United States and result in legal challenges.

The once urgent operation was put on a slow track, as the United States sought to persuade the Russians to take the

Confidential discussions were conducted in 1996 when Vice President Al Gore and other senior American officials met with the prime minister at that time, Viktor Chenomyrdin, and his top aides.

In early 1997, Russia's minister of atomic energy, Viktor Mikhailov, publicly promised to take the supply by March 1997. But the three-way negotiations between the United States, the Russians, and the Georgians remained

One sticking point was what to do with the spent fuel. The Tbilisi reactor has only 1.76 pounds of spent fuel, which is highly reactive and stored in a cooling pond at the weather-beaten nuclear complex.

Georgia was unsuccessful in finding a nation to take this nuclear waste. During the Soviet era, Georgia shipped its spent fuel to the Russian nuclear complex at Chelyabinsk in the Ural Mountains.

But that arrangement came to an end after the breakup of the Soviet Union. The last trainload of spent fuel was shipped in March 1991.

The Russians have maintained that their laws prevent them from taking nuclear waste from foreign nations, even though Georgia is a former Soviet republic and its fuel was provided by the Soviet Union.



Mayor Recep Tayyip Erdogan speaking to journalists Tuesday. He said his lawyers would appeal the verdict.

Pro-Islamic Mayor Sentenced in Turkey

Court Gives Istanbul Politician 10-Month Term for 'Inciting Hatred'

By Kelly Couturier Washington Post Service

ANKARA - A state security court sentenced the mayor of Istanbul, Recep Tayyip Erdogan, a prominent pro-Islamic politician, to 10 months in prison Tuesday for "inciting hatred" in a speech he delivered last year.

Mr. Erdogan, who is widely expected to become the next leader of the country's sizable pro-Islamic political party, the Virtue Party, was sentenced for a speech in which he recited the following words from a folk poem to a crowd in the southeastern town of Siirt last December: "The mosques are our barracks, the domes our helmets, the minarets our bayonets and the faithful our soldiers."

The ruling against Mr. Erdogan by the Diyarbakir State Security Court comes amid a military-led crackdown against the pro-Islamic movement in which several pro-Islamic mayors have been sentenced to prison terms, religious education centers have been closed and secular dress codes have been enforced.

The popular pro-Islamic Welfare

Party was banned in January for antisecular activities, following the collapse under military pressure last July of the government it led.

Necmettin Erbakan, the Welfare Party leader and former prime minister, was banned from politics for five years. Most of the Welfare Party members have now regrouped in the Virtue Party, over which Mr. Erbakan still exercises great control, but which some say Mr. Erdogan is set to take over.

Neither the Welfare Party nor its successor Virtue Party have used violence. but in the case last year against the Welfare Party, prosecutors pointed to several incendiary speeches by its members as evidence of the party's antisecular nature.

Mr. Erdogan, who said he would appeal the ruling, had denied the charges of provocation, saying he had merely cited a poem in the speech.

If Mr. Erdogan's sentence is upheld by the court of appeals, he will be forced to step down as mayor and will not be allowed to run for re-election.

The announcement of the mayor's

sentencing followed overnight police raids in several cities and the arrests of 20 businessmen suspected in laundering money for radical Islamic groups or

illegally transferring funds to them. ■ Rights Campaigner Faces Jail

Turkey's top human rights campaigner, facing several legal charges, denied at his latest trial Tuesday that he had aided Kurdish rebels, Reuters reported from Ankara. "I do not accept the charges against

me and want my acquittal," Akin Birdal, chairman of the Human Rights Association, told a court. "I believe defending human rights is not a crime, but a duty, "he said.

Mr. Birdal is charged with encour-

aging guerrillas by making a speech in Rome last year in which he urged a peaceful end to the 13-year-old Kurdish

He faces several criminal charges related to his criticism of Turkey's human rights performance and the treatment of its Kurdish minority. He faces up to seven years in jail in the latest case alone.

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Investigator in Diana Crash To Question Witnesses as Group

PARIS — The French judge leading the investigation into the fatal car crash involving Diana, Princess of Wales, has decided to hold a group questioning session of about 20 people present at the crash scene immediately after the accident.

Sources close to the investigation said the mass questioning, seen as a signal that the French investigation was nearing an end, was tentatively set for June 5.

The technique, known as "confrontation" in the French justice system, is intended to compel witnesses with different accounts of an event to confront one another and argue for their point of view.

Among those summoned to take part in the group session by Herve Stephan, the investigating magistrate, were the nine photographers and a photo-agency motorcycle driver found at the scene by the police after the Aug. 31 crash. Also summoned was a bodyguard, Trevor Rees Jones, the only occupant of Diana's car to have survived the crash.

After seven and a half months of investigation, French officials say they still believe that excessive speed and alcohol were to blame for the crash.

Clinton Visit to Ulster 'Possible'

WASHINGTON - President Bill Clinton is still considering a trip to Northern Ireland in May to campaign for a peace accord despite opposition by some political leaders there, the White House said Tuesday. "We are continuing to hold open that possibility," said Mike McCurry, the White House spokesman.

A trip by Mr. Clinton to Belfast would come just days

before a referendum on May 22 in Northern Ireland and Ireland on whether to accept a U.S.-brokered peace agreement reached between the Northern Ireland parties

David Trimble, leader of the biggest pro-British party in Northern Ireland, the Ulster Unionist Party, has said Mr. Clinton should not visit before the referendum. Many unionists fear such a trip could undermine efforts to secure approval for the pact.

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BRUSSELS — Citizen complaints against European Union institutions rose 40 percent in 1997, the EU's chief

watchdog said Tuesday.

In 1995, when Jacob Soderman of Finland became the Union's ombudsman, there were 298 complaints. In 1996, there were 842. Last year, 1,181 people brought

their grievances to him, according to his latest report.

Of those 1,181 cases, Mr. Soderman's small team began investigating 200, the ombudsman said. Of those, 16 were settled without the ombudsman's help. In 21 cases the ombudsman found the complaint justified and a "critical remark was given" to the accused.

For the Record

Concerned about anti-American terrorist attacks in Greece, the U.S. defense secretary, William Cohen, stopped here Tuesday for security talks that will also stopped name sales. Tensions over Cyprus, Greek refocus on arms sales. tocus on arms sales. Tensions over Cyprus, Greek re-lations with Turkey and Kosovo were also likely to be discussed in Mr. Cohen's talks with the Greek defense minister. Apostolos Tsohatzopoulos, a senior U.S. of-

Doctors Don't Agree On Surgery for Havel

Agence France-Presse INNSBRUCK, Austria, ailing Czech president said trian specialists at the clinic to Tuesday that Vaclav Havel which Mr. Havel was rushed was to have a tracheotomy, or throat puncture, but the Aus- colon. The head of the clinic, trian clinic team intervened later to deny that the operation was necessary. These is no reason for a tracheotomy."

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But disagreement appeared to have arisen between the A Czech doctor attending the Czech physician and the Auslast Wednesday for a ruptured Helmut Madersbacher, said

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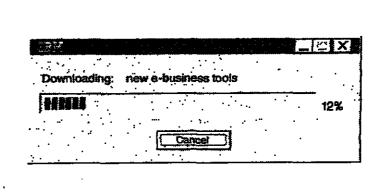
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By Sandra Sugawara Washington Post Service

TOKYO — Life in Japan is fraying at the edges. After eight years of economic malaise, there is great fear about the future. People are stuffing money into safes because they do not trust banks or the government. Workers stay in iobs after being forced to accept pay cuts because there is nowhere else for them to go.

But on the streets of Tokyo these days, it is hard to sense an economy in crisis. Homeless are few. Unemployment is low. There is little, if any, social unrest. This outward quiet, specialists say, is a product of the Japanese economic system, which has succeeded, year after year, in doing what it was designed to do - protect jobs, maintain economic stability and allow Japan to muddle through with-out making dramatic policy changes.

Thus, although unemployment is creeping up, hitting a record 3.6 percent in February, its level is still far below that of other industrialized nations. Likewise, Japan's 17,439 corporate

U.S. economy.In January alone, 3,323 corporations filed for bankruptcy in South Korea.

"One of the interesting things about the Japanese economic problem is that it hasn't produced a really big crisis," Stanley Fischer, deputy managing director of the International Monetary Fund, said during a recent visit to Tokyo. "I think that's why it's so hard to deal with. Politically it's easier to deal with a serious, evident crisis than with a lingering malaise."

But many economists here believe that such a crisis is unfolding behind the scenes, and that it will eventually force the demise of Japan's statedirected capitalism.

"This very comfortable system that protects workers and households is going to unravel," said Andrew Shipley, an economist at Schroders PLC, an investment bank, "and then we could start seeing long unemployment lines, shops closing. It's going to start feeling a lot worse here."
Under Japan's state capitalism, banks are exturn, are expected to support their weaker brethren. Layoffs are generally taboo.

But now the core companies are in dire trouble. Banks are drowning in bad debts. They can no longer shovel cash at money-losing companies. Meanwhile, economists estimate, companies are burdened with 6.4 million employees they do not need — about 10 percent of the work force.

"You have a situation now where the corporate sector is providing a massive safety net, said Russell Jones, an economist at Lehman Brothers Japan Inc. Robert Alan Feldman, an economist at Morgan Stanley Japan Ltd., said there was no panic because "things are not yet bad enough for labor customs to fall apart." "The custom here is you keep people on the

payroll," he said. "You may pay everyone 30 percent less, but you don't fire them.

"In Japanese society, the identity of an individual is defined by the group they belong to. To cut somebody off by firing them is to ba-

bankruptcies last year were the decade's high, but pected to funnel money to their main customers sically reduce them to being less than human. It's still less than a third of the 54,027 in the robust or to targeted industries. Those companies, in nies don't want to do that."

But the question is: How much longer can companies, worried about global competition and about cleaning up their balance sheets because of a credit crunch, continue to do that?

Not long, many economists have concluded. They say the package of tax cuts and public works spending proposed by Prime Minister Ryutaro Hashimoto may once again delay the pain, if the \$75 billion is injected quickly into the economy. But the economy could easily begin plummeting as soon as the bulk of the money is spent, because Japan has not addressed the core issues causing its malaise.

For instance, Mr. Shipley said, the government has made no effort to erect a system of unemployment benefits, which would make it easier for companies to lay off workers and restructure. There has been no effort to push the kind of rapid deregulation that would cause bankruptcies of the weaker companies and allow

the stronger ones to surge ahead.

Foreign and Japanese economists contend that change is inevitable. They say the authorities have lost the use of two important tools to prop up corporate Japan.

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One was cheaper money. In the past, the Bank of Japan provided a boost to companies by lowering interest rates. That cut their costs of borrowing and helped them squeeze out a profit

But interest rates are already at rock bottom: The other tool was exports, Japan Inc. could always depend on exports for growth. But with demand collapsing in Asia, which accounts for 40 percent of Japan's export market, there is little chance Japan will be able to turn on the spigot of

export growth. More troubling to economists is that Japan's third major tool — government spending — may be restricted in the future. "The problem is, the Japanese government has spent hundreds of billions of dollars over the last few years attempting to kick-start the economy," Mr. Shipley said "And they haven't been successful."

Workers Join The Students At Protests In Indonesia

JAKARTA -- Protests against President Suharto and his government widened Tuesday as workers and pro-fessionals joined students in demonstrations across Indonesia, witnesses

rally in the Gadjah Mada University in the ancient capital of Yogyakarta demanding that Mr. Suharto step down, the witnesses said. Hundreds of workers joined the students in the protest, they

In Surabaya, Indonesia's secondlargest city, lawyers, nurses and doctors joined thousands of students demonstrating at the local Institute of Tech-

nology, witnesses said. About 5,000 students from four universities in Ujungpandang, South Sulawesi, rallied on campus before converging on the local Parliament, according to Kompas, a daily newspaper. They then marched to the city's main square under tight police guard, the paper said, in defiance of a government ban on demonstrations outside campuses.

The students demanded the disbanding of the cabinet, appointed by Mr. Suharto in March, saying ministers had failed to address the situation. They then marched to a nearby square for a free-speech for-

um before dispersing peacefully.

In Medan, North Sumatra, about 3,000 students from Muhammadivah University held a rally to demand the repeal of two government decrees dating back to 1978 and 1990 that they say curtail student freedoms. They also demanded that some ministers be fired, the daily reported. About 10,000 students gathered in Padang, West Sumatra, at the Teachers University, in rally featuring a prominent government critic, the Muslim leader Amien Rais.

Mr. Suharto, a former general who has ruled the country since the mid-1960s, gave security forces permission last week to use force against the students if they did not stop the demonstrations.

The government has held talks with student leaders in an effort to defuse the protests. But local leaders and political analysts say neither threats nor the appeasement is likely to work. The students appear to have reached a point of no return, and the protests seem likely to continue, they say. (Reuters, AFP)



BRIEFLY

IN HIS FATHER'S FOOTSTEPS? — Ferdinand Marcos Jr., son of the late dictator Ferdinand E.

Marcos, being greeted on Tuesday by supporters of his bid to win a seat in the Philippine Congress. the island chain following a 1988 agreement, known as the

Seoul Charges Security Chief

SEOUL - South Korean prosecutors indicted a former intelligence agency chief on Tuesday, charging him with masterminding a smear campaign against President Kim Dae Jung. Kwon Young Hae, former head of the National Security Planning Agency, was indicted on charges of violating election and security laws, and libel.

'Kwon was the seventh person to be indicted in connection with our investigation into the campaign," a prosecution official said. Mr. Kwon and six other intelligence officials are to stand trial in early May.

The charge was part of a drive by Mr. Kim, the former dissident who took office in February, to delve into policy failures and government malpractices under his predecessor as president, Kim Young Sam.

(AFP)

A France-New Caledonia Deal

PARIS - France struck a deal Tuesday with pro- and anti-independence forces in its South Pacific territory of New Caledonia that provides for a vote on greater self-New Caledonia that provides for a vote on greater sendetermination late this year. Under the deal, the 200,000 inhabitants of the French archipelago will vote by the year's end on whether to give New Caledonia its own government with expanded powers. A referendum on independence from France is to be held within 15 to 20 years.

The agreement Tuesday followed two months of talks between the government, the separatist Kanak Socialist National Liberation Front and the pro-France Rally for Caledonia in the Republic. At stake was the future status of

Matignon accord, that ended unrest and violence by pledging a vote this year on self-determination. (AFP)

Burma Junta Foe Gets 25 Years

BANGKOK - Burma's military government has jailed prominent leader of the opposition National League for Democracy for 25 years, dissidents said Tuesday.

Daw San San, in her late 60s, was sentenced under Burma's Official Secrets Act after she was found to have taken part in a British Broadcasting Corp. interview critical of the ruling military regime, the exiled All Burma Students Democratic Front said in a statement.

A spokesman for the ruling State Peace and Develonment Council confirmed the sentencing but said it was unrelated to the interview. He said Daw San San had breached conditions under which she was released in 1992 from a previous 25-year-sentence she was serving for

For the Record

The Philippines needs international food aid for 3.6 million people who are going hungry because of a drought in the southern island of Mindanao, the Red Cross said Tuesday as the death toll rose to 64. (AFP)

More than 110 Tamil rebels and array troops were killed in fierce battles in Sri Lanka as the Commonwealth pursued an attempt to restore peace, officials said. (AFP)

Seoul, Tired of Asking Japan, To Pay 'Comfort Women' Itself

By Stephanie Strom
New York Times Service

TOKYO - The South Korean goverament said Tuesday that it would drop its efforts to win compensation from the Japanese government for South Korean women forced into brothels to serve the

Japanese military during World War II.
Instead, the government itself will
pay each of the 152 registered "comfort women" who comes forward 31.5 million won, about \$22,760, which will be supplemented by 6.5 million won apiece raised by victims' rights organizations, for a total of nearly \$27,500.

At a cabinet meeting, President Kim Dae Jung vowed that Seoul would continue to seek an apology from Japan, which reluctantly acknowledged in 1992 that Japanese military officials were involved in setting up the brothels but has refused to offer compensation to

"This does not mean the abandonment of demanding from Japan an apology and acceptance of its historical and moral responsibilities," a spokesman for

interfere with continued demands by the former comfort women and nongovernmental organizations for compensation from the Japanese government." The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and

Mr. Kim said. "The government will not

Trade in Seoul demanded that Japan apologize for its wartime atrocities. "We reiterated that a true futureoriented and mutually beneficial rela-

tionship between Korea and Japan can be achieved only if Japan recognizes past history and remorsefully reflects on its deeds," it said in a statement. South Korea had been expected to

approve the compensation plan last week, but Mr. Kim postponed the decision in order to seek the approval of groups representing the women.

Yang Mi Kang, a spokeswoman for the Korea Council for Women Drafted for Military Sexual Slavery in Japan. said Tuesday the group was pleased that the government would give the women, many of whom are in their 70s and 80s. a means of support, but added that the group would not give up its demands for compensation from Tokyo.

JAPAN: Pending Election Protects Leader

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who would bring little vigor or imag-

ination to the office. Seiji Tsutsumi, owner of the Seibu

Department stores and one of Japan's most powerful businessmen, called Monday for Mr. Hashimoto to resign for economic mismanagement.

Mr. Hashimoto and the Liberal Democrats continue to move slowly and deliberately. The prime minister and party chiefs are spending much of this week locked in backroom bargaining sessions thrashing out details of a \$75 billion public spending spree aimed at making just about every sector of society a bit less gloomy.

According to party officials and Japanese media reports, Mr. Hashimoto is likely to include a \$13 billion proposal to build a national fiber-optic "information superhighway" that will connect 40,000 schools to the Internet and provide a personal computer for every primary-school pupil in Japan.

Mr. Hashimoto also plans to spend billions more on research-and-development facilities at Japanese universities and companies — including money for studies about the falling sperm count of Japanese men. With 11 percent of the national work force employed in the powerful construction industry, the

party is expected to bow to the intense lobbying by the industry for more roads, park and other traditional public works

projects.
The prime minister, who already has announced \$30 billion in income tax cuts to give families more pocket money, is counting on the stimulus package to appeal to everyone from schoolteachers to construction-workers to couples trying to have babies.

In the end the Liberal Democrats; have always had the cash and the cloud to deliver. That is why since 1955 the party has been the largely unchallenged political force, able to exert pressure and squeeze out votes all the way down to Nagaishi's factory floor.

But the party is still rebuilding itself after voters shocked the political establishment in 1993 and briefly removed it from power after 38 years of one-party rule. Although the Liberal Democrats have regained a majority in the lower house of Parliament, they control only 118 seats in the 252-seat upper house. A big victory in July would be a major milestone in the party's return to power.

The July elections are a main reason why the Liberal Democratic Party is sticking with Mr. Hashimoto. The legacy of the 1993 defeat has been bitter factionalism that has led to nasty infighting and rivalry in the party, and the party has not wanted to risk a bloody public leadership struggle that would be fresh in voters' minds.

"Mr. Hashimoto is quite unpopular, and many people complain about the economy, but he has the magic of the election, "said a political analyst, Takayoshi Miyagawa. Like many analysts here. he says that despite Mr. Hashimoto's troubles, the prime minister is more likely

than not to survive at least until July.
"The present situation is endurable,"
Mr. Miyagawa said. "But if something new happens and it becomes unbearable. then the LDP is going to say we need a new hat on our head for the election.

That has also worked in Mr. Ha-shimoto's favor: The other hats are not all that attractive.

In addition to Mr. Kajiyama, others

frequently mentioned as possible successors are Foreign Minister Keizo Obuchi and a former party president. Yohei Kono. But, as John Neuffer, a Tokyo political analyst, put it, those party elders have the "political pizzazz of cold pizza." Koichi Kato, a rising star in the party. has openly disagreed with Mr. Hashimoto on the wisdom of tax cuts but he is not seen as wanting to make a move now to topple the prime minister.

As usual, the opposition is too divided to be a serious threat. Ichiro Ozawa has become virtually irrelevant since the perennial rebel dissolved the main opposition party and formed a smaller one last year. Mr. Hashimoto's former health minister, Naoto Kan, is extremely popular with voters, but his new Democratic

Here in the Tobata industrial park in Kitakyushu, 800 kilometers (500 miles) southwest of Tokyo, just about all of the small manufacturing companies have been hit hard by the current economic crunch. Some say business is down a painful 50 percent this year alone. Business owners here are frustrated and

LDP, "said Takeshi Okazaki, who runs a plastics-parts company. "We don't have any parties that can fight against them. It's frustrating."

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DETROIT - Wang Dan, a leader of who traveled to Detroit to see him, docthe pro-democracy protest around Tiananmen Square in 1989, thanked doctors and began making plans for his new life in exile after he was released from a hospital Tuesday, but he ex-

terms in Chinese jails.

"We certainly have found him to be in stable and good condition, and in medical officer.

out serious illnesses.

hospital performed a magnetic resonance imaging test.

ably had to do with the trip," Dr. Royer After the tests Monday morning, Mr. government.

Wang Hopes to Go Home After Check-Up, He Says China Is in His 'Heart'

pressed hope that he would be allowed to

return to China. "I'm free now, but I don't feel re-laxed," said Mr. Wang, who was found to be in good health by doctors at Henry Ford Hospital. "China is in my heart. I hope that I can go back to my country

The 29-year-old dissident, who was released from prison on medical parole Sunday, plans to keep pressing for de-mocracy in China and to continue his studies, which were interrupted by two After Mr. Wang was released from the

hospital, he got into a van that took him

to the airport for a flight to the New York

City area, where he is scheduled to speak publicly for the first time Thursday at the New York Academy of Science. Doctors prescribed medication to help clear up his persistent cough, fitted him with soft contact lenses and ruled

relatively good health," said Dr. Thomas Royer, the hospital's chief Because Mr. Wang complained of headaches and occasional dizziness, the

The results of the tests allowed doctors to rule out a brain tumor and other added. serious problems. "He was tired, and I think that prob-

Wang rested and talked with friends tors said. He spoke with his parents in Beijing on Sunday. Mr. Wang was sentenced to 11 years in prison in 1996 on charges of con-

spiracy to subvert the state for his writings about democracy and the failings of Communist rule and for his contacts with exiled dissidents. He was previously imprisoned from 1989 to 1993, "Wang Dan is very excited and eager to start his new life in exile," said Xiao

Qiang, executive director of Human Rights in China, who has visited Mr. Wang here.
"He wants to continue to advocate for China's democracy, but his main task in the United States' will be to resume his studies, Mr. Xiao said.

On Tuesday, Beijing warned Mr. Wang against any return to China and denied that there had been any deal with Washington to secure his release into exile in the United States. In the government's first official comment following Mr. Wang's release. the Foreign Ministry left no doubt that the hero of the 1989 Tiananmen Square

prison if he returned before his 11-year sentence elapsed in 2006. "Before he went abroad, he had not finished his prison term," said Zhu Bangzao, a government spokesman.

demonstrations would be put back in

"So if he wants to stop the period of medical treatment abroad and apply to return to China, our judicial departments will handle this case according to the relevant laws and regulations, and he is well aware of this point," the official

But the spokesman stopped short of saying Mr. Wang would also be barred from Hong Kong, saying that would have to be decided by the territory's (NYT, Reuters, AFP)

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Wayne Smith, who was the official

U.S. representative to Havana from

1979 to 1982, said the commission's

He attributed it to "growing irritation

and disenchantment on the part of the rest of the international community with

Mr. Smith, who visits Cuba frequently,

said the vote might help those in the

administration who have quietly chafed

at that policy, which is built around isolating Cuba and seeking to punish those

"There are those in the administra-

The UN vote appeared to vindicate Mr.

Castro's politically risky decision to in-

vite the Pope for a historic visit in Janu-

ary, a move some analysts have called a

master stroke" by the Cuban leader.

watershed," said Robert White, pres-

ident of the Center for International

Policy, in Washington. "He and Castro

traded subtle barbs throughout the visit,

but the one thing they agreed on was that

The U.S. delegation said in a state-

ment read before the Geneva vote that it

welcomed Cuba's release of almost 100

political prisoners, but that it was wor-

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the U.S. embargo was unethical."

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In Niger, a Thirst for Water - Not for Democracy

By Joseph R. Gregory New York Times Service

ZINDER, Niger — When the troops garrisoned here mutinied recently, the sultan of Zinder advised his people to stay home and to avoid the soldiers roaming the streets and firing in the

It was, after all, a quarrel between the troops and politicians in the capital, Niamey, 720 kilometers (450 miles) away.

Since it did not concern our people, it did not concern us," said the sultan. Elhadi Aboubacar Sanda Amadou, the 22d of his line, which has ruled Zinder since 1736 and remains a local authority in a region whose 800,000 people scratch out a living in the shrinking savannah that separates the greener lands of southern Africa from the Sahara.

Besides, life in this drought-prone nation of 10 million people has become increasingly difficult because of a larger, more distant quarrel, this one between Niamey and Washington. Relations have deteriorated badly since January 1996, when Niger's first elected president was ousted in a coup that ended a brief experiment with democracy. Because of the coup, the United States and other donor nations have ended or drastically reduced aid to Niger, whose government budget depends heavily upon foreign aid.

Some of my people have to walk 5 to 10 miles to get water," the sultan said. 'To somebody with such a problem, democracy will not mean anything."

Indeed, democracy seems light years away from Zinder, a sprawling city of mud buildings whose low skyline fades into an overcast of dust hovering in the Sahara's persistent wind. In this seventh year of near drought,

the streets are filled with beggars from parched villages, many of them malnourished children.

Supplicants of many kinds waited outside the sultan's palace, built in 1850 and shielded from the dusty streets by high mud walls. Passing through the gates, a visitor was greeted by a dozen courtiers and an escort of the sultan's bodyguard.

They led the way through a maze of hallways and courtyards to a rectangular conference room furnished with 46 stuffed armchairs. A television set in the corner was broadcasting French cartoons when the sultan entered. resplendent in cape and turban and car-



The sultan of Zinder and his bodyguards preparing to meet a Tuareg delegation in the palace courtyard.

rying the silver staff that is his badge of

A tall, open-faced man of 47 who was chosen 20 years ago to succeed his father from a pool of more than 30 brothers and cousins, the sultan describes himself as an intermediary with the central government. He intercedes when his people have problems with soldiers, mediates when they quarrel over water rights, tries to resolve mar-riage difficulties and sometimes determines which peasant gets a cow.

He is also the region's main tax collector, a difficult task because few people have money in a country where annual per capita income is about \$250, and because, he said, the politicians do not honor their responsibilities.

"The government is supposed to pay for the palace electricity and telephone and water, but they don't pay," he said, speaking in a mixture of French and out of our pocket. If we didn't, we would be in darkness." There are 332 people in his household, he said, including his 4 wives and 21 children.

Perhaps that is why he felt a certain sympathy for the mutineers, although he deplored their methods. The soldiers in Zinder and other cities had not been human rights to be respected." paid for four months, and for 10 days they refused to obey orders. Then, Washington's decision to end aid to when promised two months' back pay, Niger's central government. Before the coup, annual U.S. development aid to Niger was about \$20

they returned to duty.

Members of the opposition Front for the Restoration and Defense of Democracy set fire to a police station and the regional party headquarters of the ruling Council of National Salvation in Zinder on Sunday, Reuters reported Monday. The news agency said that the government of President Ibrahim Bare Mainassara arrested three regional opposition leaders. It said the Niger Association for the Defense of Human Rights denounced the violence and

called for an inquiry. "People don't understand democ- projects: racy here," the sultan said. "They local languages. "We have to take it think it simply means disobedience to

the authorities." Such talk exasperates people like Maman Abou, a newspaper publisher

forestry protection, agricultural training, small credit assistance, and other The sultan, who says his role is to

life expectancy is 44.

'The sultan's ideas are false and

lies," he said. "What Niger needs is for

Mr. Abou said he strongly supported

million; now it is under \$2 million and

that is to be eliminated by the end of the

year. The cuts have had widespread

reverberations for the 10 million people

in Niger, one of the world's poorest

countries, where one in three children

dies before the age of 5 and the average

for programs in family planning,

The United States has already cut aid

defend tradition, calls Washington's decision to tie aid to the advance of democracy unfortunate. 'If democracy does come," he said,

"it will not change my role." who has had several run-ins with the

CUBA: U.S. Snubbed on Rights Resolution

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But Mr. Groth placed some blame on the U.S. embargo on Cuba installed 40 years Losing the resolution was "a stunning blunder by the administration" and "an embarrassment for the United Nations. Mr. Thiessen said. He added that it showed "hypocrisy" on the part of Latin vote was "quite clearly a defeat for the United States and a slap at U.S. policy." American leaders who in Santiago had voiced their support for greater human rights protections in the hemisphere.

Several countries on the UN commission that abstained in the vote last year voted against the U.S.-proposed resolution, which condemned "numerous violations of human rights and fundamental freedoms." The countries included Russia, Pakistan and some African nations. Uruguay and Chile, which voted in favor last year, abstained this time. Brazil, Chile, Mexico, Peru and

The 16 members in favor included Argentina, Britain, France, Germany, Italy, Japan and the United States.

Venezuela also abstained,

The U.S. delegation leader in Geneva. Nancy Rubin, refused to comment on the

Human-rights spokesmen in the United States deplored the vote Tuesday, saying it sent a signal that the main

UN panel dealing with human rights 'remains a political body." "It's unfortunate," said Curt Goering, deputy executive director of Amnesty International USA, "because Castro continues to defy the aspirations on human rights of his own people and the international community. His hand needs to be kept to the fire. The human

The vote by the 53-member panel will end the mandate of the commission's

rights problems in Cuba are serious and

UN rapporteur on Cuba since 1992, said in a report last month that the Cuban

special investigator into human rights on Carl-Johan Groth, the independent

tinued detention of hundreds of others. Following a clemency appeal from Pope John Paul II, Cuba freed 90 political detainees and more than 200 other prisoners in February, the largest such

releases by Havana in years. Some exile groups in Florida have maintained, however, that the numbers government continued a policy of often brutal repression of its domestic critics. of new arrests have been close to those of

GLOBAL: Trade Issues Rivet the Midwest

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nomic interests point in the opposite direction. Mr. Hagel demonstrated this recently in reiterating his strong opposition to the global warming treaty negotiated last year in Kyoto, Japan, saying it favored developing countries at the expense of the U.S. economy.

But the region's world outlook extends beyond trade to varying degrees of support for the United Nations and other instruments of internationalism, with repercussions for Congress, the Republican Party and even presidential politics.

Little more than a year after coming to the Senate, Mr. Hagel, with help from two Midwestern Republican first-termers, Pat Roberts of Kansas and Rod Grams of Minnesota, led the successful fight in the Senate for \$18 billion to replenish IMF reserves depleted by the Asian rescue operations.

For him, it was the opening shot in a broader struggle over the direction of the Republican Party and its choice of a presidential nominee. "A lot of us don't want an isolationist leading us into the 21st century and into defeat in the pro-

Mr. Hagel is not alone as a "global villager" on the Great Plains. Even as Mr. Hagel was readying his tour of southcentral Nebraska, Mr. Roberts was unleashing an anti-isolationist broadside before the Kansas Press Association.

"Not since the 1930s, when Congress passed the neutrality acts just as the buy its agriculture-related products is world was going up in flames, not since the Smoot-Hawley tariff helped create the Great Depression, has Congress been istration been so lacking in foreign-sells nearly 20 percent of them to 25 policy focus, purpose and constructive foreign countries, some of them in Asia.

agenda. Not in our lifetime has the American public been so uninterested and uninformed about world events.' Mr. Roberts took aim at lawmakers,

including House Republicans, who want to hold the IMF bill hostage for action on issues such as abortion. Not that these issues are not important, he said, but we will not build successful foreign or trade policy by making the rest of the world conform to our way of life and our views of how we want things to be."

A glance at Nebraska's numbers helps explain this new surge of internationalism from the Midwest, including its love affair with the IMF, distaste for economic sanctions and reluctance to tie foreign policy to domestic political causes.

Nebraska exports, most of which are agricultural or farm-related, have risen nearly fivefold over the past 10 years. totaling just short of \$2.5 billion last year. Farm exports to Asia alone increased by nearly one-third from 1993 to 1996, according to figures compiled by Mr. Hagel's office. As of 1996, Nebraska farm exports to Asia amounted to \$1.6 billion, including \$1.1 billion to Japan.

But late last year the tremors from Asia began to ripple through Farm Belt states, showing up in canceled or reduced orders and slower payments. The real fear is what may lie ahead: surpluses, lower prices for Nebraska commodities, and loss of jobs, profitability and the state's prosperity.

For Nebraska, the ability of Asia to

now a domestic political imperative.

"The real answer is to bring up the standard of living in the whole world so they can buy our products," said James so insular and isolationist in its view of they can buy our products," said James the world," Mr. Roberts said. "Not Thom, a vice president of T-L Irrigation, which builds steel irrigation systems and

BANK: Duisenberg-Trichet Rivalry for Post Brings Out Hidden French-German Disputes

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signifies that they have surrendered a key element of sovereignty through the single currency without loosening German control over the European economy.

This was the essential presumption in France's In the French view, if Germany's man is at the head for the next eight years of a European central bank located believed the euro would bring it in terms of parity with Bonn in European decision-making.

The dispute appears to be beyond the point where there are happy solutions. Designed to serve a grand underiaking as its symbol of nonpartisan probity, the bank's presidency is emerging instead as damaged goods.

If the job goes to Mr. Duisenberg, he will have been privately characterized by the French as a ventriloquist's durany for the Bundesbank. If the choice is Mr. Trichet, he will have been made out by other European partners to be an agent of France's unwillingness to set the central bank into an orbit free of perpetual political influence. Should there be a compromise candidate - bar-

nominate when Mr. Duisenberg first received wide backing more than a year ago. Whatever the final decision, the circumstances of

the selection of the president can mean that he will have etary and interest rate policy are to remain entirely

Israel both cautioned Tuesday against expecting too much from talks in London next month on reviving

'Let's not make expectations those that are impossible to achieve,' Mr. Blair said of the talks that

Mr. Netanyahu and Yasser Arafat will hold with the U.S. secretary of state, Madeleine Albright, May 4.

'I think Prime Minister Blair is wise to caution

with Mr. Netanyahu in a Tel Aviv hotel.

central bank's problems with politicization. As much as the new bank appears to have already

willingness to accept European monetary unification. favorable standpoint, William McDonough, president of made up of the member countries' finance ministers. the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, has suggested it has an organizational fault, saying, "At some time the in Frankfurt, then Paris will be deprived of what it European central bank will need political oversight." Only this month, the European Parliament, hardly a

locus of power in European decision-making, got around to passing a resolution that said the bank's "unprecedented independence" ought to be accompanied "by a high level of democratic control" of its activities. This was after the legislators pulled back from a motion that sought the power to censure the bank's directors and create a banking oversight committee like that of the U.S. Senate.

The motion they approved asks instead that the Maastricht treaty be modified to require the bank's president to make quarterly instead of yearly reports, publish minutes of its council meetings and disclose its ganing on the post could run beyond the May 2 target money-supply and price-stability targets. Both Mr. date to July 1—he would be someone that none of the Duisenberg and Mr. Trichet have indicated they oppose other European Union members rated highly enough to such measures, and Yves-Thibault de Silguy, the European commissioner in charge of the single currency, has described such disclosure policy as a Pandora's box.

Currently, the bank's deliberations on European mon-

against raising expectations too high or indeed to

"Then again, we all want to be able to surprise

ourselves and the world," he said, adding that he

issues that would facilitate a final peace settlement.

of a proposed Israeli troop pullback in the West Bank

in return for Palestinian moves to combat Muslim

Mr. Blair returned to London later Tuesday.

hoped to make "significant progress" on interim

The peace process has been stuck over the extent

diminished authority to deal with the other side of the confidential. According to its statutes, its principal objective is to "maintain price stability"; unlike the Federal Reserve Board, the bank does not have the specific suffered from too much politics, the question of its task of enhancing economic growth. The central bank political accommobility once in operation is not clear will not have control over exchange-rate policy, which is either. Looking at the central bank from a largely the province of the European Union's Ecofin council,

> What remains particularly imprecise is the intersection of the bank's policy-making prerogatives with the political will of the member countries. Each member state has a seat on the bank's governing council, but its members are specifically prohibited from soliciting or accepting instructions from governments or EU institutions. That would seem to reinforce the bank's autonomy, but it does not take into account the role of the Euro-X council, the so-called "informal" political discussion group that came into existence in December.

Under France's reading, this council, made up of the 11 EU countries participating in the common currency, is in larval form the first stage of the "economic government" pushed by the French Socialist govemment as a political counterweight to the bank's independent status. For the Germany of Chancellor Helmut Kohl's Christian Democrats, the council has no broad political assignment or powers.

How Euro-X's function could evolve if the Social Democrats took power in Bonn in September, or if either of the current candidates became president of the since the 19th century has an adminnew bank, is part of the unresolved and draining political struggle surrounding the bank.

KILLING: South Africa Shaken by a Reminder of the Apartheid Era

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and the nation. Under white-minority rule, which ended in

1994, brutality against blacks was commonplace, especially against black tenant laborers in white-dominated rural areas. The apartheid system of racial separation left black farm workers at the mercy of white employers, locked into a situation of dependency often marked by brutality.

But even then, victims as young as these were the exception. The killing of Angelina condolences to Angelina's family, when he has as if the events were burned into her brain. and the critical wounding of Francina have dominated headlines and radio talk shows across a shocked nation. That such an incident could happen after four years of democracy and a sustained attempt by the new government to foster racial tolerance and reconciliation "has struck a chord because it 1994 racism," the newspaper Business Day

At the extremes of this anger are some blacks who know the racial injustices of rural last time I saw them," she said Sunday. life and who want revenge. There also is more measured grief and sympathy for the bereaved after the shooting, and his house was not some kind of regret."

whites who have told reporters that Mr. Steyn, she would be "remembered by your family as a farmer in fear of being victimized by rural ontlaws, was justified in what he did.

conservative white anger over rising violent

The killing occurred against the backdrop of

crime in farm areas. Some say the killings and burglaries are an effort to punish whites in general; others say they are revenge against specific whites for abuse treatment of blacks. So, instead of sympathy, some conservative whites voiced anger that President Nelson Mandela came here last week and expressed not done so, they said, for any white farmers

slain in the past four years; in fact, he had. But race is not the issue, Mr. Mandela responded, saying: "The killing of a 6-month-old child, no matter what racial group he or she might belong to, is evil and barbaric.'

It is not just the death that has shaken people, appears stereotypical of the most brutal pre- but what followed. Violet Dlamini, 29, Angelina's mother, was not told to which hospital her baby had been taken. When the children were rushed off by ambulance, "that was the

family, much of it cross-racial. And there are searched until days after that. On Friday, he opted to stay in jail rather than seek release on bail. As hundreds of angry black demonstrators converged on his bail hearing, he ap-

parently decided he was safer where he was.

for comment, neither could his parents, who also lived on the farm. A news report said the parents have moved away for their safety. Violet Dlamini is perhaps too grief-stricken to display anger. Indeed, she seemed numb as

Mr. Steyn's lawyer could not be reached

her Zulu words were translated into English. As she described the day of the shooting, it was They heard the shots. They heard the screams of 11-year-old Vusi, Angelina's brother, who had been walking with Francina.

The family ran to the tall grass. Blood was everywhere. Francina moaned on the ground. They grabbed the girls and rushed to the home of Mr. Steyn's parents. Mr. Steyn ran with them. He attempted mouth-to-mouth resuscitation on the baby. They rushed in a Steyn family car to a nearby ambulance station, from which the children were whisked away.

Mr. Steyn was in tears the day after the Mr. Steyn, 42, was not arrested until the day shooting, she said, adding, "I think there was

FRANCE: Former Officials Defend Policy on Rwanda United States. "Isn't this clear barred investigation by a Belgian

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the Middle East peace process.

Rwanda's Tutsi minority. The former French officials, members of a center-right government that officials and pundits here testy Le Figaro. lost power last year, contrasted their about the accolades that greeted 1994 efforts to that of the United President Bill Clinton on his recent States, Britain and other powers.

"Our diplomacy ended up giving a bad conscience to an international community capable only of expressing noble sentiments while determined to do nothing," Mr. Juppe

Even as it dwelt on the complexities of ethnic warfare in Africa, the commission hearings also elicited bitter and lingering resentment at the setback Rwanda represented in France's geopolitical struggle with the United States.

Urged by a commission member to be less prudent in describing the malevolent role of "outside year history of France's Fifth Reforces" in Rwanda — again, mean-Uganda who prought during the Hutu-led government during the Hutu-led government during the tribunal for Rwanda: a no-holds-Hutu-led government that the bloodshed had been trained in the tribunal for Rwanda; a no-holdstions with the United States.

enough?" he said.

"But if we can surprise ourselves from the expectations, let's do so." Mr. Blair said after breakfast proposed a 13.1 percent withdrawal, which Israel has

called unacceptable.

Blair and Netanyahu Cautious on Talks

TEL AVIV- Prime Minister Tony Blair of Bri- raise them to levels that we might not be able to

tain and Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu of achieve." Mr. Netanyahu said.

with the United States have made

name: genocide." describe what was going on. He also provided reporters with 60 pages of France. his statements and his govern-

efforts to stop the bloodshed. ladur said that Tutsi repets from the Uganda who brought down the Uganda who brought d

Senate commission last year — and Those intense feelings of rivalry two investigative series in France's leading newspapers, Le Monde and

The former French officials also were pressed about recent pubtrip to Africa, notably when he of- lished allegations that the missiles ficially regretted U.S. inaction in that brought down President Rwanda and said the massacres Habyarimana's aircraft had been should be called "by their rightful captured from Iraq by French forces at the end of the Gulf War in 1991 Mr. Juppe noted with satisfaction and about evidence that the French two instances where he had used the civilian pilots of the Frenchterm "genocide" in May 1994 to donated jet had been commended Civil Aviation Organization. The posthumously for official service to

They offered no answers. Mr. Leotard did disclose a might-

Along with Mr. Habyarimana and President Cyprien Ntaryamira been expected aboard, but did not fly at the last minute. That was the surveillance.

declared in an editorial last week.

AIRLINES: Air France Crash Spurs New Calls on Safety Standards

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problems were deemed severe enough in 24 countries for the agency to either limit or ban flights to the United States by carriers in those countries.

Both Colombia and Ecuador fell in the first category, meaning that limited flights are allowed under heightened inspections and According to data compiled by

U.S. airlines, Boeing Co. and Dominican Republic, which involved a last-minute substitution rate per million departures from of a Turkish-owned plane leased Tuckiny the task of recovering Paris that he was sending a team 1987 to 1996 was between 0.5 to by a Dominican airline. Air the bodies of the 53 people who of experts to the crash site.

0.7 in the United States, Western France's deputy director-general, died in the crash, Agence France-Europe and Japan; rose to 3.8 in Alain Vidalon, said Tuesday that Presse reported from Bogota. Asia, 5.7 in Latin America and the flight met all safety require- Major Javier Rivera, a firefight. the Caribbean and 13 in Africa. ments. The Boeing 727 under- ing official, said it would take at

policy at the European Commis- crew was experienced. Just be- search efforts. sion, the executive agency of the fore the fatal flight, the 727 15-nation European Union. tighten regulations on foreign from the recent summit meeting shipped for analysis to Boeing in carriers since the 1996 crash of a in Santiago.

German charter flight off the Rescue Workers Busy

"There are safety problems went maintenance in 1997 and least two days to gather the bod-here and there," said Frederik had a follow-up check last ies from the mountainside, where Sorensen, head of air transport month, he said, adding that the dense vegetation also impeded

Rescuers and investigators brought President Fabian Alar- found the flight data and cockpit The EU has been moving to con of Ecuador back to Quito voice recorders, which were to be the United States.

Air France specialists were to join the investigators, and Prime Rescue workers resumed on Minister Lionel Jospin said in

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EDITORIALS/OPINION

Deciphering China

Something Is Stirring

Nine years after it crushed the Tiananmen Square democracy movement. China's leadership seems ever so slightly to be loosening its stranglehold on political dissent. It is too soon to know whether the new openness will last, or grow, but something is stirring in China that bears encouragement and

close monitoring by the United States.
On Sunday, Wang Dan, the most prominent leader of the Tiananmen movement still in prison, was released for medical treatment in the United States. That comes after last November's medical release of China's senior democracy campaigner, Wei Jingsheng, and signals a somewhat more humane attitude toward those who have challenged Communist Party rule. Regrettably, Mr. Wang and Mr. Wei had to accept exile from China as a condition of their release.

Perhaps more significant is the increased latitude tentatively allowed for people to campaign in China for limited democratic reforms. Since January a number of newspapers and journals have printed lively exchanges on subjects like expanding individual rights, extending village elections and shrinking the reach of the government and the Communist Party.

Since a party congress last year con-

But Arrests Continue

It was front-page news on Monday that China had sent the well-known dissident Wang Dan into American exile, just as it was last November when the democracy advocate Wei Jingsheng was taken from prison and put on a jet to Detroit. But a steady flow of arrests did not make the front pages around America or even a mention in most newspapers.

There was the arrest in January of Li Qingxi, an unemployed former health worker who had urged colleagues to form independent unions. Shen Liangqing, a former prosecutor, was sentenced to two years of "re-education through labor" this month, apparently because he criticized the selection of former Prime Minister Li Peng to head China's Parliament. Yang Qinheng and Father Lu Genyou are not household names in the West, either. The former was sentenced in March to three years at hard labor, apparently for speaking on Radio Free Asia in favor of free unions; the latter, a Catholic priest, was reportedly arrested on April

5 while preparing to say Mass. Wang Dan's release was part of a delicate unspoken deal between the Clinton and Jiang administrations, Bill Clinton dropped America's customary sponsorship of a resolution on China's human rights abuses at an annual UN conference. President Jiang sent Wang Dan into exile. Now the way is clear for not be heard in his homeland.

firmed President Jiang Zemin's position as China's most powerful leader, he has seemed more willing to depart from earlier orthodoxies. Li Peng, who ordered the Tiananmen massacre, remains the No. 2 leader, but his new position as speaker of Congress gives him a less direct role in enforcing conformity. The most dramatic change has been the designation of Zhu Rongji, a strong economic reformer, as prime minister. His program does not include political liberalization but does call for the party and government to step back from direct control of economic life.

The new openness remains limited and could easily be reversed. Beijing still harshly punishes any advocacy of independent labor unions at a time when labor unrest over economic issues and working conditions is increasing. Washington should continue to press for the release of political prisoners not yet benefiting from the new climate.
Twice in recent decades, in 1978 and

1989, China seemed to edge warily toward greater democracy only to be thrown back by a new wave of repression. This time, continued modemization of China's economy may prove a powerful incentive for political reform. That is certainly something the world would cheer, and a development that Bill Clinton should encourage as he prepares to visit China in June. —THE NEW YORK TIMES.

the first by a U.S. president since the Tiananmen massacre in 1989.

Wang Dan was a student leader of the peaceful protest that preceded that crackdown, and as a result was jailed until 1993. Like Mr. Wei, he had the almost unimaginable courage to resume his pro-democracy activities immediately after his release, despite the near certainty that China's Communist regime would jail him again. It did, and he has spent the past three years in jail.

So there can be only joy that he is free, albeit in forced exile. Yet there is a danger, as China bargains with its dissidents one by one, of losing sight of the thousands who remain in jail or labor camps, and of those added to the prison population week after week.

China's regime is implementing economic reforms that have greatly increased many people's freedom to move, choose their own jobs and travel. But, despite a few signs of liberalization, freedoms of expression, association and belief remain tightly constricted - a potentially destabilizing combination.

As Wang Dan wrote in 1995, before his second arrest, China could minimize the danger of social and worker unrest by giving the public "a chance to express its dissatisfaction through democratic channels." But that would carry a different risk -- to the survival of China's Communist regime. That is why the regime still is doing what it can to make sure Mr. Wang's messa

-THE WASHINGTON POST

Pilots Need Warning

Last week Vice President Al Gore invoked three fatal airplane crashes, in Colombia, Guam and Bosnia, to reacquaint the American public with a danger known as "controlled flight into terrain." This refers to flying an airworthy craft into a mountain or other natural obstacle, like the ocean, because the pilot has lost his sense of the plane's relation to its surroundings. It has been a major cause of accidents in America and abroad.

The risks can be cut dramatically, but only if airlines invest more in pilot training and hasten installation of the latest terrain-avoidance warning system in cockpits.

Major U.S. airlines and some of

their West European counterparts are voluntarily outfitting their fleets with advanced warning systems. Regional airlines and smaller operators are likely to need a nudge. That is why Mr. Gore championed

the Federal Aviation Administration's plan to require any aircraft with turbine engines and six seats or more to be equipped with advanced terrain-avoidance equipment by 2000 for new planes and 2003 for existing ones. These computer-enhanced devices display the terrain ahead and alert pilots when they are coming dangerously close to a collision or about to undershoot or overshoot a runway.

Similar proposals should be pressed abroad. Air travel is global, and foreign carriers and international airspace need to be made safer, too. —THE NEW YORK TIMES

Other Comment

Social Security Countdown

Social Security has been a huge success in America. It provides benefits to 44 million people who are elderly, disabled or survivors of deceased workers. More than three-fifths of the elderly derive the majority of their income from Social Security.
Social Security also provides fam-

ilies of active workers with a form of life insurance worth more than \$12 trillion — more than all private life insurance currently in force.

But the system has to change. The number of beneficiaries will double in the next four decades while the number of workers who pay the taxes that support the system will grow by only percent. Although the program's receipts now exceed its expenditures by more than \$100 billion a year, the revenue will cover only 70 to 75 percent of promised benefits after 2029.

— Henry J. Aaron and Robert D. Reischauer commenting in The Washington Post.

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Disarray in Te Yes, Politics Is Words, and Expert Politics Heals

WASHINGTON — As the nego-tiations over the Northern Ireland peace agreement neared a climax, Tony Blair offered a thought that seemed a politician's idea. "The trouble with this situation is that words

matter, every word matters," he said. Politics is dismissed by those who dislike it as nothing but words, words signifying whatever politicians decide they do. This seems especially true for politicians like Mr. Blair or Bill Clinton who are good with words and, when necessary, at keeping things vague. But Mr. Blair was right. Words mat-

ter because politics matters. The peace agreement in Northern Ireland reminds us that politics is an art which, properly practiced, provides an alternative to bloodshed. Politics can create formulas that allow people to break with past failures and move be-

yond seemingly insoluble problems.
When someone accomplishes something good, the tendency is to write off By E. J. Dionne Jr.

the achievement as inevitable. The Irish agreement is seen as the product of forces that rendered the Protestant-Catholic conflict obsolete. The conflict may be obsolete, but the agreement was by no means inevitable.

It is true that the vast improvement of the economic situation in Ireland makes partnership between North and South more attractive, or at least less repellent, to Protestants. It is also true that Ireland, although still the West's most religious country, has secularized. And the existence of the European Union, combined with a global economy, has created a Europe in which regions

But large forces do not create history. People working with them do. That is where politicians come in.

can matter more than nation-states.

It took ingenious politicians to find a compromise to ease anxieties. The

foreseeable future, but the deal would

create new all-Irish institutions to promore cooperation between North and South. Catholics can see such institutions as a united Ireland in embryo, even if the gestation period may be long.

That formula has been around for ears. Political skills brought it to life. This is where George Mitchell, the former U.S. Senate majority leader, came in. When he got involved, he was dismissed by some as a mere politician. The point was that he is a politician, a skilled practitioner of the arts of persuasion and confidence-building.
"There has been so much harred

here that people start out with a presumption that the other guy is acting in bad faith," Mr. Mitchell said.
"There's no trust, so they want every detail spelled out in black and white on the page." Those words again.

The man who tried so hard to get President Clinton's health bill through

North will remain part of Britain for the Congress learned something from the struggle. And yes, Mr. Clinton, Mr. Blair, Irish Prime Minister Bertie Ahern and the key Northern Irish players are all quintessential politicians, too.

It has long been asserted that the vast majority in the North, Protestant and Catholic, wants peace. But this has been a disempowered majority. Next month's referendum on the agreement. will test whether the peaceable maniformity exists and, if it does, transfer power to its ranks. That will be the greatest achievement of all.

The historian Arthur Schlesinger Jr. argued some years ago that, at its best democratic politics is about "the search for remedy." The Irish settlement is a triumph for the politics of remedy.

It was said famously that war is politics by other means. The corollary is that politics is the only alternative to violence. We should honor the political craft far more than we do.

Washington Post Writers Group.

Will Senators Stop and Think About NATO Expansion?

By David S. Broder

WASHINGTON — With their heads presumably cleared by two weeks at home, U.S. senators have returned to the issue of NATO expansion. They tried but failed to focus on it in March. This time they vow to see it through to a vote. Let us hope that they have their think-

Before they went out for Easter, Senator John Warner of Virginia, the Republicans' leading voice on national security issues, told me he could count no more than 15 other senators who shared his doubts about adding Poland, Hungary and the Czech Republic to the alliance.

Only if it appears that the potential opposition may approach the 34 votes needed to block this questionable action will Bill Clinton feel compelled to give the American people a clear explanation of the course to which he is committing this nation. something that he has conspicu-ously failed to do so far.

Charles Krauthammer, whose

President Clinton by providing a job of comminment and sign up rationale for expanding NATO all the countries in Russia's

more compelling than what he called the "pablum" and "rub-bish" offered by administration Cutting through State De-

partment boilerplate about "ex-tending the borders of peace," Mr. Krauthammer said NATO was "expanding in the service of its historic and continuing mission: containing Russia." "It says to the world, and

particularly to the Russians, that the future of Central Europe is settled," Mr. Krauthammer wrote, "The no-man's-land is no more. Poland, Hungary and the Czech Republic are now securely part of the Americanallied West. Finis, And if any Russians entertain other ideas, they can forget about it.'

You have to admire that likeit-or-lump-it logic. But Mr. Krauthammer leaves one big

neighborhood?

Secretary of State Madeleine Albright might like the idea. Soon after the first three recruits were invited last year, she said: "We must pledge that the first new members will not be the last, and that no European democracy will be excluded because of where it sits on the map."

Five other countries have been promised early consideration: Romania, Slovenia, Latvia. Estonia and Lithuania. Albania, Bulgaria, Macedonia and Slovakia will not be far behind. And why not Ukraine and other former Soviet republics struggling for democracy? That would be containment with a capital C.

Only two problems. Pull out a map and ask yourself how the United States and its allies would guarantee these new question unanswered: If it is NATO members that an attack

Paris, London or Chicago. That pledge has made NATO

the most successful military alliance of this century. It should not be given lightly, especially if you agree that Russia may no longer be Communist but is still a major power that inevitably will seek to dominate its region.

None of the current NATO

countries envisages sending its ground troops to fight on this vastly enlarged frontier. The security guarantee will have to be underwritten by America's nuassuredly will motivate Russia to maintain its own nuclear weapons, rather than join America in scaling them down.

More broadly, a policy of agressive containment will inevitably be seen by Russians as threatening. Boris Yeltsin has gone along, grudgingly accepting a Clinton policy that effectively bars Russia from NATO membership but creates a fig leaf NATO-Russia Permanent typically contains much good smart to move NATO's front on their territory from any Joint Council which, Mrs. Alsense, tried last week to fill in for line eastward, why not do a real source would be dealt with exbright promises, "gives Russia Joint Council which, Mrs. Al-

actly as if it were an attack on no opportunity to dilute, delay or block NATO decisions." In: his current weakness, Mr. Yeltsin has no alternative.

But Susan Eisenhower granddaughter of the former president and a student of Russian foreign policy, has doc-umented scores of statements by leading Russian figures, both democrats and hard-lines. expressing anger at NATO expansion. Even a moderate like Grigori Yavlinsky has declared It is absurd to believe in NATO's peaceful intentions." Jack Matlock the former U.S. ambassador to Moscow, says: "There is no question that our decision to take on new

members now, when no country in Eastern Europe faces a se-curity threat from the outside. will greatly complicate our efstocks of nuclear weapons now in Russia are never used against us or our allies."

Think, senators, think. And force President Clinton to address these issues.

Netanyahu Flies High, but It Better Not Go to His Head

WASHINGTON — Clinton administration officials insist that this time, for sure, no kidding, absolutely, positively, the Mideast peace process is entering its endgame. Either Yasser Arafat and Benjamin Net-

nal-status negotiations, or else. The "or else" is that the Clintonites will make their compromise proposals public and then let the parties fend for

And since it is Mr. Netan-

By Thomas L. Friedman

U.S. plan — for a roughly 13 percent phased Israeli withdrawal from the West Bank in return for phased Palestinian anyahu say "yes" to the U.S. fulfillment of security and polit- no military option. They can compromise plan for tying up all ical commitments — the threat huff and puff, but none of them the outstanding issues before fi- is directed primarily at him. Alas, Mr. Netanyahu does not

> Give him his due. For all his fumbling, he understands power. He can smell weakness. And of the Arab-Israeli conflict. for now he clearly detects an imbalance of power in his favor, oline at \$1 a gallon (26 cents a

> yahu who has been resisting the which is why he keeps calling the Clinton team's bluff.

> • He detects that the U.S. defeat of the Soviet Union and Iraq has left the Arab states with to bear on behalf of the Palseem to be quaking in his boots. estinians. Both the Arab and the Palestinian middle classes have, for the moment, opted out

> > He detects that with gas-

liter) in the United States and American oil companies diversified outside the Middle East, the Arab oil lobby in Washington today is dead. So now when the Israel lobby calls senators, like Connie Mack and Joe Lieberman, and tells them to jump, the only question they ask

is: How high? Senators Mack and Lieberman sponsored a Senate letter effectively demanding that Bill Clinton abandon America's balanced mediator role in Arab-Israel negotiations — which produced the 1973 disengagement accords, Camp David and the Madrid breakthrough - and instead use America's weight to pressure Mr. Arafat to accept

whatever Mr. Netanyahu offers. • Mr. Netanyahu detects that Mr. Clinton and Al Gore have no stomach for any politically explosive showdown with him. He detects that the president's national security adviser, Sandy Berger, is more willing to bring domestic political calculations into U.S. foreign policy than any previous NSC adviser.

 And he detects that Secretary of State Madeleine Albright, although she got off to an excellent start in the Middle East, has lost her nerve - partly because she is always uncertain of how much Mr. Clinton will back her and partly because she has yet to articulate any coherent framework for U.S. foreign policy and the national interest, and therefore she has been unable to extract Arab-Israeli diplomacy from domes-

tic U.S. politics. The question is: What will Mr. Netanyahu do with this imbalance of power? He seems to think he has two options.

Option one is to use his leverage to cut a good deal, a better deal than the Labor Party ever could have got, a deal that whittles the Palestinian demands (for this second-phase with-drawal) down from 20 to 30 percent of the West Bank to 11. or 12 percent — but a deal that still leaves the Palestinians with enough gains to want to continue Oslo and cooperate with Israel on security. This option would cost him some support within his own rightist coalition, but would make him a hero nationally.

Option two is to assume that he can use the imbalance of power to cram whatever he wants down the Palestinans' throats -- such as less that full sovereignty over less that half the West Bank. And if the Palestinians won't accept that so this option assumes, he carlive with the stalemate at no lost. because the United States will not punish him, because the Arabs will never get theiract together, and because Israi's Labor Party is too weak to mount any domestic challenge.

But there is a third opton, one that Mr. Netanyahu mayiot see. It is option two with a if-ferent ending — one in wheh everyone doesn't just bowto this imbalance of power.

In this option, the U.S.-sraeli relationship slowly erods: the Arab cold war against Isrel re-emerges; Israel gets re-ghttoized in the region and evetually exposed to a hot war wh unconventional weapons: ad the Palestinian middle clas gets re-radicalized and star killing again — first its own leaders and then Israelis.

Beware of option three. The New York Times.

IN OUR PAGES: 100, 75 AND 50 YEARS AGO

1898: Nations at War

LONDON — The Times, in a leader, says: "The long suspense is now at an end, and Spain and the United States are at war, though without any formal declaration to that effect. How and where the first blow will be struck probably depends as much upon the chapter of accidents as upon the volition of either Power. There is no special responsibility attaching to the firing of the first shot. seeing that both nations are now clearly committed to the arbitrament of war."

1923: Italy's 'New Era'

ROME - All Italy, not excepting the unwilling Socialists, is celebrating its national holiday today [April 21], the anniversary of the foundation of Rome, and the festivities in the Eternal City have been particularly impressive. Signor Mussolini, the

Premier, marked the occasio with a new manifesto, which bears the date "Year One of the New Era," and in which he pro claims anew the unalterable de termination of the "Shirts" to 'accomplish their mission."

1948: Anti-Red Vote ROME — More than half or

Italy's new Assembly and more than half the elected members of the Senate will be members of the Christian Democratic party, it was announced tonight [April 21] on the basis of final returns. Some Italians, even among those who supported the Christian Democrats, seemed stunned today as they contemplated the. results. Even the Christian Democrats admitted that a large part of their support came from persons who are not sympathetic with the whole Catholic program but merely wanted to strengthen Italy's strongest anti-Communist force.

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NEW YORK — For decades, the conventional view among American scientists was that biological weapons were not much of a problem. Meanwhile, powerful bio-weapons were developed and deployed by the Soviet Union and probably by looks like pneumonia. other countries, and the

knowledge of how to make them has spread. Smallpox virus can be made in glass jars the size of wine bottles and released into the air with a humidifier. An FBI scientist says: "We're seeing a lot of hoaxes, and incompetent people trying to make biological weapons. The incidents are happening at a rate of roughly one a month. My feeling is that

sooner or later someone is going to get it right. Having failed to come to grips with the problem, the scientific community and the government owe the public a makeup effort. It could start

with a few simple measures. The first step needs to be involvement of public health doctors in emergency plan-ning. Public health surveillance needs to be strengthened. That would have an immediate payoff, since it would help control new and emerging "natural" diseases that are now taking lives in America. And if a bio-terror attack is recognized early,

many lives can be saved. Consider what might happen if a pound or two of dried anthrax were released into the air of New York City. Many exposed, but only a small fraction of them would get sick and die. It would happen over already using the Internet to time — time enough to save many people if some basic preparations have been made.

Anthrax incubates in the

body for three days to several

weeks after exposure. Then

the first symptoms appear.

By Richard Preston

Discuss Biological Weapons

United States has seen a case of anthrax or knows how to diagnose it. The symptoms of anthrax resemble flu or a cold; then the victim dies of what

Many days might pass be-fore it would finally become apparent that New York had been hit with anthrax. But where? And how much anthrax went into the air? The FBI would come under excruciating pressure to find the perpetrator, who would be long gone, and the trail might have gone cold.

Everyone in the city would wonder if he had been exposed and whether another attack might occur. There would be an overwhelming demand for antibiotics, which can cure anthrax provided they are taken before symptoms appear. Antibiotics would disappear from the shelves instantly, and the demand would create a

national shortage. There is a good vaccine for anthrax: it can work even if given to a person who has already been exposed. The government would need to fly in many tons of antibiotics and vaccine. But there's no stockpile of antibiotics or anthrax vaccine. Such a stockpile might discourage a terrorist

from using anthrax. A Web site should be set up that any public health or primary care doctor could look at, offering basic inforthousands of people might be mation and training modules in anthrax and smallpox.

(Wannabe terrorists are

spread information about bioweapons; they are ahead of the public health doctors.) A medical training module would cost around \$200,000 to set up - peanuts. It could make a big difference. Early

not only would save lives, it would enable law enforcement people to get on the trail of a terrorist faster.

Anthrax is not contagious and does not spread. Smallpox spreads like chain lightning. Since the entire human species now lacks immunity to smallpox (the shot wears off), it is the planet's most dangerous potential biological weapon. If smallpox were released anywhere in America, experts

need to be vaccinated quickly. Right now, there are only about 7 million usable doses of vaccine on hand. Enough vaccine to protect the entire American population could be stored in a building smaller than a garage, and vaccine would last for de-

believe that at least 20 million

to 30 million people would

cades before it had to be replaced with fresh stocks. That would pretty much remove smallpox from the arsenal of a terrorist. It would also take smallpox away from Saddam Hussein far more effectively (and cheaply) than bombing his laboratories.

One other step is needed. The community of biologists in the United States has maintained hand-wringing silence on the ethics of creating bioweapons - a reluctance to talk about it with the public, even a disbelief that it is happening. Biological weapons

are a disgrace to biology.

Top biologists should assert their leadership and speak out, taking responsibility on behalf of their profession for the existence of these weapons and the means of protecting the population against them, just as leading physicists did a generation ago when nuclear veapons came along.

The writer, author of "The Hot Zone" and "The Cubra Event," contributed this com-Virtually no doctor in the detection of a bio-terror event ment to The New York Times.

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OPINION/LETTERS

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Sergei Kiriyenko
Sergei Kiriyenko
minister reflects an institutional disorder far from solution.
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in irresponsibility Yeltsin and the Duma over the actively recruiting people in with less than 20 percent of president's nomination of the high-technology and milminister reflects an institution- that gives one pause.

The Duma is set up in a way that has given it an investment in irresponsibility. present situation is the great Russia are by no means Irresponsible opposition is virtually the only power virtually unit. The Durna has deployed this power against of the change is ill-appreci-Mr. Kiriyenko's nomination ated in the West as well. despite Mr. Yeltsin's threat to which is inclined to take it for dissolve Parliament and call new elections, and his offers of apartments and dachas to still the same country.

power than is good for him or United States, but it is a for the state, functioning as a latter-day czar. Behind his visible conflict with the Duma is the half-visible of men privatized economy, each with his favored politicians.

Id each with his own published or media group.

Even Scientology now is alleged to be part of the mixture. since not only is Mr. Kiriyenko accused of being linked to the sect — which he flatly denies — but credible West European reports claim that the Scientologists are, amidst the general Russian economic Russians. In today's Russia disorder and moral disarray, that figure is 81.5 percent.

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Sergei Kiriyenko as prime itary-industrial sectors. If true, 14 acknowledged minority Something else that has yet

really to influence how the since the 18th century. Russians perceive their geographic and demographic change the country has undergone since 1989. The scale granted that because Russia is the former Soviet Union it is

complaisant deputies.

The president has more nearly twice the size of the quarter smaller than the Soviet Union. Of its present territorial extent (some 17 million square kilometers, or 6.6 million square miles), less than 10 percent is arable.

It possesses less than 60 percent of the population of the Soviet Union. The United States' population of 264 million people is nearly 80 percent larger than the 148 million population of today's Russia.

There actually is an advantage for the Russians in this demographic change. In the Soviet Union only 55 percent of the people were ethnic

31) by David S. Broder:

else. Far out, as one used to

war game exercise. A multinational empire in-Regarding "City-County 'Metroplexes' Fuel America's Growth" (Opinion, March So America is bigger, bet-

manipulating its politics. say in my youth. Some of us are beginning bigger than Taiwan. Switzerin the Iraq affair this year. get shot? In Taiwan, Switzer-

> NICOLAS DE TREY. Rueil-Malmaison. constructive move in this con-

sia with the West at a moment when Washington's tutelage of the new Russia has become irksome and NATO expannationalities. It has not been sion positively annoying. so homogeneous a country The "summit" meeting of this troika, held last month in

Moscow, with Chancellor Helmut Kohl and President forever fixed, but while Be-Jacques Chirac in attendance. larus and even Ukraine, both accomplished very little in Slavic countries, might in the practical terms and was overfuture move back toward a shadowed by Mr. Yeltsin's dramatic, and as yet un-achieved, remake of his gov-

Russians are not used to thinking of theirs as a country like other countries.

closer link to Russia, most of the other new nations created out of the old Soviet Union quite possibly a new governare likely to want to maintain national independence.

An eventual linkage of many or most of them with Russia on lines something like those of the earlier European Community is imaginable.

But that is a prospect very distant from the vague Commonwealth of Independent States that now exists. The idea of an ambitious Russian drive to recover the territories of the old Soviet and Russian empires is, today, futurological fantasy, or a worst-case

corporating backward populations has, in any case, more disadvantages than advantages, even when natural resources are considered. Russia is rich in resources. Its problem is that, in the guise of privatization, the population has been swindled of its national resources and industry by the people who are now

Russians are unused to thinking of theirs as a country like other countries. They still possess the crucial military assets of superpower rank as well as the diplomatic ambition, as they demonstrated Their notion of a "Euro-

pean troika" composed of Russia, Germany and France which seems to have Washington on edge — is a

text, since it reinvolves Rus-

ernment. But there will be an-

other "European summit"

The French naturally wel-

come any counterweight to

the United States in world af-

fairs, and while the present

German government fears

fraving its relations with the

United States, there soon will

he German elections and

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sharply changed European

Union, when the single Euro-

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sultation, which is all that it is

(thus far), suits certain of the

interests of all three countries.

It particularly serves the Rus-

sian interest in being taken

seriously again. It binds Rus-

sia to Western Europe at a

moment when NATO expan-

sion pushes it away from the

West. So long as all remains

unresolved in Moscow, this

International Herald Tribune

Les Angeles Times Syndicate

has to be a good thing.

A formal Russian-Ger-

There will also soon be a

as chancellor.

istence in January.

next year in France.

FRESNO, California — "Thu-cydides, an Athenian, wrote the history of the war between the Peloponnesians and the Athenians.

With those words a disgraced Athenian admiral matter of factly opens The History of the Peloponnesian War," his monumental. though unfinished, narrative of the 27year war (431-404 B.C.) between Athens and Sparta that left the Athenian empire and the entire culture of the Greek city-state in ruins.

Because he had lived through and participated in the events he described. Thucydides had an advantage over later historians, who have had to dig through unreliable records and consult secondary sources.

But even as he set down his record of contemporary events, Thucydides was eyeing posterity. His work, he boasted, was "not an essay to win applause of the moment, but a possession for all

If his contemporaries failed to appreciate his genius, perhaps people like ourselves would fathom it two and a half millennia in the future. And so we do. Studying how a seafaring, democratic Athens fought an insular oligarchy like Sparta teaches us a lot about current world crises and the fickleness of public opinion.

Thucydides knew nothing about peace studies, conflict resolution theory, God's will or the United Nations, but he could declare for all time that people go to war over "honor, fear and self-interest." Period.

Thousands of paperback translations of Thucydides are sold each year, bearing out his extraordinary boast. But if his book is timeless, it is also very difficult, and his disturbing ideas turn every modern bromide on its head. So why read him at all?

Yet people do, and in surprising

By Victor Davis Hanson

Digging Thucydides in California

places. I teach classics at the California State University campus in Fresno, in the middle of an agricultural valley. There is no reason to think a book by an ancient Greek would interest my students. They are the children of farmworkers and the working poor. They are not privileged, nor well prepared

MEANWHILE

for college. Students here confuse Cleon, the Athenian demagogue, with a warrior race in "Star Trek.

At Stanford University, where I did graduate work, Thucydides was an entirely different historian from the one l have come to know in Fresno. The Thucydides of the graduate seminar is the subject of many pages of high-flown jargon in which, for example, Pericles's funeral oration is discussed as a dry rhetorical exercise that reflects subjective, not absolute, "truth." I prefer the analysis offered by a

Fresno State student. "Sure, he might have lied a little,"

he said. "Who doesn't? And what do you expect? Thucydides with a tape recorder? Scholars and graduate students talk

grandly of Thucydides "the realist" whose bleak assessment of human nature was a valuable antithesis to romanticism. But this remote, literary language takes us far from the actual Thucydides, a hard-eyed pragmatist whose judgments derive from firsthand experience.

As a working mother at Fresno put it. Thucydides might like Carter better, but he'd want Reagan dealing with the Russians.

Students in Fresno savor Thucyd-

ides the disgraced admiral. They soak up the street fighting at Plataea, where the women and slaves "velled from the houses and threw stones and tiles." and root for the blood-hungry Athenians at the slaughter near Delium, who in their fury fell into confusion in surrounding the enemy and mistook and killed each other."

"I bet he killed a few himself to write like that," observed one student. tattooed and scarred, in a late-evening humanities class.

If we are to keep the ideas of Greece alive, we must first rekindle the Hellenic spirit, for the two are inseparable. That spirit, though it may already be lost in the Ivy League, thrives here among students working at Burger King and among night-school returnees, who, once hooked on Thucydides's blood and guts, then - but only then - begin to appreciate the power of his thought.

They welcome a tough guy like Thucydides who shows how their brutal experiences are universal, even banal, and thus explicable through abstract canons that exist "for all time."

In an age like ours in which setbacks and disappointments are dealt with through therapy rather than accepted as evidence of the tragic nature of our existence. Thucydides's honesty comes as a welcome touch of realism. With him there is no "feeling your pain," no pretense of cheap compassion, and there are no easy apologies for what we are and what we have done.

Thucydides offers students of all races and classes the reassurance that we are all more alike than we think. And in so doing, he offers wisdom about the present, but relief from it as well.

The writer, a professor of Greek at California State University's Fresno campus, contributed this comment to The New York Times.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR Enough Already

Spielberg Project

Regarding Tough Questions for Spielberg Holocaust Project" (Features, April 14):

The article takes some cheap shots at the efforts of Shoah Visual History ter, more innovative and more roundation and its work to powerful than everybody record the testimonies of Holocaust survivors.

I am a volunteer interviewer for both the Shoah Foun- to get fed up with such tridation and the U.S. Holocaust umphalism, however. The ar-Memorial Museum in Wash-ticle states that Los Angelesington and have conducted Long Beach is economically more than 00 interviews.

The article made an im- land, Belgium or Sweden. portant point: We are racing But where am I more likely to against time to record the testimonie. But we do not land, Belgium or Sweden race through interviews. The or in Los Angeles? pre-interview meetings alone take hours not to mention the hours of esearch and prep-

ลระเบ๋งก. I have rever felt compelled to limit my interviews to two hours. The interview takes as is not up o the foundation or me, it is p to the person giving testirony.

I do ot measure an interview' success by the number of taes, nor by the numher of ears shed by the

I tool great exception to the critisms of oral history. To be are, oral history is differer from lists of transports umbers of people killed nd so on. But the Holocast happened to real

By cusing only on doc-ument you miss the full dimensic of the Holocaust. The peple who suffered did not he paper and pencil with em to take detailed notes hey did not have calendar and watches handy.

They a have memories. I ab took exception to the articls emphasis on the superioy of professional historial and interviewers. Noby knows all the right quesins to ask and there is no sh thing as a perfect interviv. Different profes-sions will ask different

queons.
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ESTHER T. FINDER. Rockville, Maryland.

was surprised and per-pled by the criticism of the Shh Foundation. us month I gave my testi-

me to the foundation. The inview was conducted with thutmost professionalism. seitivity and integrity.

am gratified by the thght that my children and grdchildren, and their childi and grandchildren, will bable to learn about my Hocaust experiences long ar I am unable to share п experiences with them

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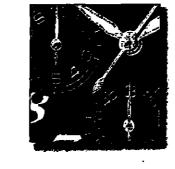
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By Thane Rosenbaum New York Times Service

'EW YORK --Take one Italian chemist: add the sulfurous poison peliets of Zyklon B, the stench of rotting, skeletal corpses and an entire periodic table of indifference; mix it all together in a flaming petri dish called Auschwitz, and you have a formula that could transform a man of science into a poet of atrocity.

That was the life of Primo Levi, who was best known for the classic literary account of his internment in a Nazi death camp, "Survival in Auschwitz." which was published in 1947. After being liberated from the camp, Levi had eventually returned to his home in Turin, where he became a conscience of the nation, an icon of the international human rights movement and the author of many books and es-says. In 1987, at the age of 67, he killed himself.

Now, more than 50 years after Auschwitz and more than a decade after Levi's death, his journey home is the subject of a feature film, John Turturro in Francesco Rosi's "The Truce."
"The Truce." directed by
Francesco Rosi of Italy and starring camp are brief, in flashback and in black are

John Turturro as Levi. The film, which opens in New York on Friday, is based on "The Reawakening" (the title of the book in Italian is "La Tregua," or "The Truce"), a 1963 sequel memoir that begins with Levi's liberation from the camp and tracks his

circuitous return to Turin. 'Many films have been made about the Holocaust," said Rosi, who filmed "The Truce" in Ukraine, in English, with a supporting cast largely of Italians and Ukrainians, but they are never about combining the tragedy with the vitality of a man's reawakening and the

slow process of reclaiming his life."
Which perhaps explains why Rosi adapted "The Reawakening" rather than "Survival in Auschwitz."

The idea of taking the pages of a literary masterpiece, putting them onto celluloid frames and winding the visual result through a projector is, of course, nothing new. The novels of Jane Austen, Henry James and Edith Wharton have made this a dream decade for costume and set designers. But these were writers of fiction, and they weren't writing about Auschwitz, which is not a proper setting for Technicolor spec-

In "The Truce," the scenes of the



and white, as if to underscore that Auschwitz stands apart — a place without tone or texture, a place where the usual moral vocabulary fails.

vocabulary fails.

"I never considered making a film of 'Survival in Auschwitz,' because it can't be done," said Rosi, who also made "Illustrious Corpses" (1976), "Christ Stopped at Eboli" (1979) and "Three Brothers" (1981), "It would be a sacrilege. With 'The Truce, the audience gets some sense of what happened ence gets some sense of what happened, but through the filter of literature and

with a story that a camera can show."
While "The Truce" may be a feelgood sequel to a horror film that cannot be made, the movie nevertheless seemed haunted in its own inception. It took Rosi five years to begin production, and the filming took 20 weeks. The weather never cooperated. The isolation and stark landscape of Ukraine were hard on the crew members, many of whom became homesick. The cinematographer, Pasqualino de Santis, died before the film was finished.

"I'm not superstitious, but maybe this is what happens when you dig up things and fool around with ghosts, said Turturro, who lost more than 30 pounds in the interest of authenticity.
"When I first saw the camp," he

Ukraine, "I was wearing the striped uniform and the wooden clogs, and my legs went weak. I was very shaken. When you're behind the barbed wire, you feel the impossibility of understanding the experience because you know that you are ul-

timately free." For both the director and the star, "The Truce" became a son of obsession, a commitment to giving Levi's picturesque words a new artistic life.

"A week before his death. I spoke with him and asked if I could make a film of 'The Truce,' " Rosi said of Levi. 'He told me that I brought light to him in a dark moment, 'The Truce' always reminded him of the joyous-ness of life, and how important it is to smile and to love. But to succeed with this film, both Levi and I realized that I was taking a risk, and he took it with me.

And what was that risk? The film had to balance the grotesque with all that is beautiful about life." Rosi explained. "It also had to be respectful of the Holocaust

and faithful to Levi's memoir.' To that end, Turturro occasionally speaks Levi's words in voice-over. He does so in dialogue, too, making state-ments like these: "We come from a place where one forgets passion"; God cannot exist if Auschwitz exists"; "The worst thing that they did was to crush our souls, our capacity for compassion, filling the void with hatred, even toward each other.'

Rosi's adaptation takes one controversial turn in a scene in which a train filled with survivors pulls into Munich and a German soldier, upon seeing Levi dressed in his camp uniform, kneels down in repentance. In the book, Levi is

"I felt the need to represent the accepting of responsibility by showing this gesture from a German, "Rosi said.
"I didn't mean it to look like a pardoning, or to alleviate German guilt. because nobody can do that. But I want to believe that at least one German would have made this kind of ges-

Ironically, neither Rosi nor Turturro cared much for films about the Holocaust until they collaborated on "The Truce." "I felt that these films were always

filled with too much emotion, too histrionic, too much was being discharged

more like a documentary. That's why I've always been more interested in how about what a the Holocaust happened, or what nally arrive. happened after.

The fact that "The Truce" takes place just after the Holocaust makes it not only watchable but also unusual. important and subject to interpretation beyond standard film criticism. The film begins with a scene of Russian soldiers on horseback, liberating Auschwitz. Levi and a group of survivors are now free, but to do what? Having lived through a time of unmediated madness, they must now put aside the regimen of survival and reacquaint themselves with the pleasures and simpler pains of ordinary life. And they also

have to find the strength to go home. Although made by an Italian director. "The Truce" in many ways has the feel of an American road movie, featuring a

but headed toward it, yet ambivalent about what awaits them when they fi-

TITH the Holocaust as backdrop, however, home can't be found by following a straight line. Instead, for Levi and his fellow survivors, the journey is plagued by detour and indirection as they make their way through the villages and resettlement camps and along the abandoned train tracks of Cen-

tral Europe.
"With Levi, it's not about his experience, but how he brings you along with him. "Turturro said. "He's a great tour guide and a master of simple details. My job was to be as understated as possible and to let the audience observe

a man who was himself an observer." Unlike most Holocaust survivors.

continued, referring to a recreation of Ausch-witz in
Ukraine. "I was wearing the

in the performance." Turturro said.
group of people on something of a
mythical journey — not escaping home
his mother and sister are there to embrace him upon his return. This ending suits the overall mood of "The Truce," with its emphasis on Levi's re-entry into the world and the reawakening of his humanity. But no matter how well-intentioned "The Truce" is, many viewers will leave the film with a misleadingly romantic impression of what it meant to exit Auschwitz.

Most survivors remained in displaced-persons camps, with nowhere to go, and with no one waiting for them anywhere. Home, if it existed at all, was too emblematic of death. Most Germans gave no indication of being sorry. And Levi, of course, eventually killed himself, bringing into question whether be reconciled his survival with the horror of what he had witnessed - whether his return to the daily sensations of life ever did truly heal him.

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THE ARGUMENT CULTURE Moving From Debate to Dialogue

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Larissa MacFarquhar

ONCE upon a time there were three little pigs and a wolf, and the four of them were engaged in a research project testing the relative merits of various building materials. Having implemented an experimental protocol that involved subjecting straw, wood and brick to extreme weather conditions, the pigs and the wolf concluded that brick was the most durable of the substances under review, and wrote up a joint report of their results. Such, at any rate, might be the account of the story given by the best-everything has another side selling sociolinguist Deborah

Tannen. Author of the sent-neight conversation guides "That's Not What I Meant!" and severely. "there is only one side: truth."

Inst Don't Underside: truth." Author of the self-help of any facts at all." Some-onversation guides "That's times. Tannen reminds us career showing how interactions that look like battles are to be rational, in other words, often just misunderstandings we'd all recognize truth when between people pursuing a we saw it. So while we argue common goal. And while her too much, we seldom truly optimism doesn't usually disagree. pose a mortal threat, as it might if adopted by little pigs. sage in "You Just Don't Unit does produce a rather derstand": Men and women bizarre misunderstanding of

American public life. Argument Culture," claims. are really just misunderstandas one might expect, that we ings. This is where Tannen argue too much. We have cre- comes in with her techniques ated, in Tannen's words "a for translating between the pervasive warlike atmo- sexes. sphere that makes us approach public dialogue, and kakis of emotional life: She's just about any thing we need a relationship technocrat. In

cooperate for the good of the inane adversarial tactics, like sending documents on paper one another like lunatics instead of conversing maturely

about their differences. Sometimes this argument culture seems to result from malice, or a cynical effort to boost ratings; but often it's the product of a sincere conviction that the best way to get at truth is to stage a fight.

The trouble is that polarized debates, according to Tannen, leave us without the facts we need to make up our minds. More worrisome still, "continual reference to "the other side" spawns "a pervasive conviction with the result that people

front of us and were prepared

That is also Tannen's messeem to speak different languages, but actually speak the Tannen's new book. "The same language; their conflicts

to accomplish, as if it were a the context of a marriage, say,

fight." Politicians trip up par- it does seem plausible that a ama's vision, in his notorious tisan opponents rather than husband and wife may have essay "The End of Hiscommon goals. But is country. Lawyers engage in also true in public life?

Tannen assumes that public debates are tools for pro- form of government, and that smells so bad it makes ducing answers, for getting at people sick. Television pro- the truth. But are they? It an end? ducers recruit enraged zealots seems, on the contrary, to be for shows where they yell at the case in many public arguments that no one expects put into practice. The differan answer; that's why we than government by consensus. Debates are less a means for arriving at truth than they are rituals of the First Amendment: Their importance derives not from the conclusions of the participants, but from their very ex-

> But besides her strangely un-American attachment to mediation, what Tannen is missing is that conflict is fun.

> We love fighting for its own sake, even when one side is obviously wrong. Who knows why we do — Tannen people who have severe mental disabilities often argue with one another because arguing, amusingly enough, turns out to be one of the least cognitively challenging ways to interact.

Remember Francis Fukuy- for The New York Times.

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tory?," of a post-1989 world in which everyone agreed that liberal capitalism was the best ideological argument came to

This world is Tannen's world. Tannen is Fukuvarna ence between them, though settle for democracy rather is that while for Tannen the prospect of an end to ideological conflict is utopian. Fukuyama thought such a world would be crushingly boring. And insofar as many of us are more like Fukuyama than Tannen, here may lie a possible explanation for all he ridiculous arguments that Tannen sees on television.

Perhaps those benighted producers go hunting for lunatics in a nostalgic quest for ideological struggle. They. like Fukuvama, are miserably anxious lest Reason at last fulfill its dreadful promise. begin to doubt the existence cites a study that found that and they wake up one morning to a Deborah Tannen world in which there is no disagreement left at all.

> Larissa MacFarguhar, who reports for The New Yorker. Slate and Artforum, wrote this

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1939 and played ever since over more salary to establish stage credentials unthan four hours, has not had an easy available elsewhere. history in Britain. Of its two major productions since the war, one had a Hickey who departed in mid-rehearsal and the other caused lan Holm so massive an attack of stage fright that he spent the next 20 years exclusively in movies, only then returning to the Na- 20 of the best character actors in town. tional to storm the other great actor's mountain, "King Lear,"

Almeida in Islington ta fringe theater on Shakespeare Company these last 20 a remarkable high, having just sent Ju-

helle Binoche into the West End with ONDON - "The Iceman Hare's "The Judas Kiss"), is that at last great, flawed masterpiece, in Spacey, yet another Hollywood star written over seven years from on loan to North London at a minimal lusion. Spacey sees the Ice-

His Hickey, the wife-murdering Iceman of the title, is just about the most impressive London star debut I can recall, and in a truly magnificent production. Howard Davies has surrounded him with an equally stellar cast of all adding up to a theatrical team and a stage experience that has been rivaled But the great news now, from the neither by the National nor the Royal

Pirandello's "Naked" and Liam hope har in the New York of 1912, however briefly galvanized and reor- each to make a vehement case for this half of this century, condemned by Ea-Neeson as Oscar Wilde with David Harry Hope's end of the world saloon, gamzed by Hickey greet his ultimate there to spread the word that a life of

> than a slow death of disil-LONDON man as a weird mix of Billy Graham and Willy Loman, THEATER trying to convince his old drinking pals of the new world that is awaiting them if only they could stay soher enough to cross the street. Hickey may well be Death

or the Messiah as well as the local killer. When he departs, in handcuffs, which he is all too eager to adopt, no other living soul in that bar will ever be quite

arrest with something like glee, because Cometh, Eugene O'Neill's we have a delimitive "Iceman" in Keyrunted and unchallenged, in-

to their pipe dreams.
The brilliance of this Davies production is to understand that it is a group confessional and to cast it with such utter accuracy. Tim Pig-ott-Smith as the only observer who at the last comes to see what Hickey wanted, Patrick

Godfrey and Nicholas Day still fighting out the Boer War. Clarke Peters as the gambling pianist, Ian Bartholomew as on the wall, nor even perhaps the cancer the tomorrow man for whom it never victim desperately trying to make some and Max Stafford-Clark's production is the same again. His truth spreads like a comes are but part of a cast who each plague through the saloon, where each deserve some kind of medal for gallantry it wastes her. Not to put it too heavily,

story to be exclusively about them.

In a powerfully Irish week, Sebastian Barry's Our Lady of Sligo (Cottesloe stage at the National) betrays an odd debt to O'Neill, for here too a single character takes center stage for 20-minute monologues of despair and disgust as she looks back on a life wasted by alcohol. Sinead Cusack, in the performance of her career, remains bedridden as she dies of cancer in a

us long to realize that Our Lady of Shgo

Spacey's Iceman erupts into a no- of the drinkers who have had their lives and for using the few minutes allotted what we have here is Ireland in the first mon De Valera to be way outside any European action and turned so far in on herself that drink and illicit sex are all she has left to occupy the passing years.

Nigel Terry gives a no less touching performance as the army officer also drowned in drink and violence. 'Our Lady of Sligo" may not ostensibly be connected to the headlines of this week. but once again in giving us Ireland's past as a poetic historian. Barry man-1953 Dublin hospital.

But she too is 53, and it does not take essentially unchanging future. In telling with brutal clarity the story of his own is not necessarily the religious painting grandmother. Barry has given us the story of her nation in no less torment. sense of her tragically wasted life even as as magnificent as its two central per-

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Laughing at the Sicilian Mob

A Film Breaches an Invisible Cultural Barrier

By Celestine Bohlen

cowboy or kung fu movies. Stock characters included the stern patmarch, the masty killer, the silent wife, the corrupt businessman and, of course, the lonely anti-Mafia crusader.

Put them together in a mournful struggle of good versus evil, and, poof, there it was: another in a long string of movies that regularly crowded Italian theaters and television screens.

Now along comes a Mafia movie that has none of these characters, not even a calls "an act of liberation." moral dimension to speak of, and that is, of all things, a musical comedy. It was filmed in one of Palermo's most notori- Maña in Sicily was over. All they are ously mob-infested neighborhoods, fea-saying is that the time has come for turing characters literally drawn from the street; and to some extent it's real life.

the Mafia" is one, sung in Sicilian dialect), nutty dance numbers (featuring Matiosi waving dead chickens) and chorus of overweight Mafia women complaining about their overbearing men. "Tano to Die For." is a sometimes surrealistic film by Roberta Torre, a 36year-old director in Palermo. The film does more than challenge clichés about Sicily's Mafia culture, it ridicules them.

The movie reflects a historical necessity, which 10 years ago would have been impossible. Said Franco Maresco, an "avant-garde Sicilian filmmaker whose movies, made with his partner, Daniele Cipri, present a bleaker vision of Sicily, Italy's southernmost island.

ago, the actors from afraid to make fun of a Mafioso, to make fun of omerta." the Mafia's code of northern Italian who moved to Palermo silence. They were the same people who used to see dead bodies in the streets."

was a war," said Goffredo Fofi, a film out to make fun of the Mafia, "Within critic who once lived in Palermo, the tragedy of the Mafia, there is also a People were losing their lives."

By breaking what had become an invisible cultural barrier. Tano to Die explore. To see what is really happening For." a big hit here in the Sicilian capital, is seen as a cultural monument, a homes of the Mafiosi themselves. sign of Palermo's recovery from its smothering oppression by a criminal or- and small-time Mafia boss who tyranganization that six years ago was nizes his unmarried sisters, is a true one

brazenly executing Italy's most celebrated prosecutors.

The murders of two of them in 1992 ALERMO. Italy - Feature were the turning point in Italy's war films about the Sicilian Mafia against organized crime. Spurred by used to be predictable fare, like popular outrage, the government dispatched army troops to Sicily, and the pace of prosecutions picked up. Today. most of the top bosses are in jail. And while the Maffa is still a pervasive force here, its mystique has been tarnished.

That is where "Tano to Die For" enters the picture. " 'Tano' is the first denunciation of the Matia as an ambiguous phenomenon," said Leoluca Orlando, the mayor of Palermo. He is a big booster of Torre's movie, which he

No one - not Orlando or Torre would ever argue that the war against the another look at the enemy. In the old days, Orlando recalled, Mafia bosses had nick-With its sing-along tunes ("We are names like "the Pope," "the Prince." the Mafia" is one, sung in Sicilian diathe violence and brutality had gotten out of control, the nickname for Toto Riina. the boss of bosses, was "the Beast.

That shows to what extent the Mafia had become barbarians," said Orlando "And that's what 'Tano' does. It reveals their barbarity, their vulgarity, their ambiguity.

Nonetheless, after its release last summer at the Venice Film Festival, the movie stirred debate over whether the Mafia could ever be seen in a humorous light, whether, for instance, scenes of wedding guests being mowed down by machine-gun fire are appropriate in musical comedy.

Vucciria neighborhood would not have the question of whether comedy and participated. They would have been humor are appropriate for subjects that seven years ago, has little patience for a debate that she says was resolved by the There was no space for satire then. "It ancient Greeks. She said she did not set cultural side, a subculture that exists." she said. "That is what I wanted to in the Mafia neighborhoods, in the

The story of Tano Guarrasi, a butcher

that Guarrasi's brother-in-law originally told her in embellished form, with the quasi-mythical details that have given the Mafia a special aura. Discovering the truth, she said, was part of her immersion into the Mafia culture as it really is.

"I really entered into this story, and I was lucky, because it is not an easy world to get into." she said. "You can only enter if you have a middleman to introduce you. It helped that the people who acted in the film co-exist daily with the Mafia. That is the part that I found most fascinating: taking people who were quasi-Mafiosi and putting them into a film about the Mafia. They loved it."

The film, with its snappy music by Nino D'Angelo, a Neapolitan, views Mafia culture and traditions as more grotesque, more exaggerated than the old glossy images usually seen in the genre. In "Tano to Die For," the Mafia initiation rites don't involve pricked fingertips and images of saints, but rather a gaudy song-and-dance of male bonding with a strong homosexual undercurrent.

Similarly, family honor, the tie that binds Sicily's mafia clans, is reduced in the movie to an incestuous relationship between Tano and the sisters he would never let get married.

ONE of these scenes are very flattering to Sicilians, let alone Mafiosi, a fact that has disturbed some people. Giorgio Castellani, a Palermo filmmaker whose father, Michele Greco, was a notorious Mafia boss, found the movie distasteful, saying. It isn't realism, it is a comac book. He added: They made a caricature of Sicilians, which I found offensive because we are presented as ugly and monstrous. There are no beautiful women in the film.

Even if the Mafia image is changing the old stereotypes are still in demand. In his latest movie "The Grimaldis." the story of a Sicilian family, Castellani had to insert a Mafia figure at the insistence of his producers. I didn't want to talk about the Mafia in this film, but I was forced to, because you have to meet the needs of the market." he said.

But there are signs that even Italians are wearying of a genre that has been outstripped by reality. This year, ratings for the ninth installment of the hugely popular Mafia television serial "The Octopus" were the lowest ever.

Cuban Revolution in U.S. Music

By Peter Watrous

IAMI — As the sun went down on another sluggishly blissful Miami day, a few dozen demonstrators yelled insults at the 700 or so people who had come to see a screening of Hugo Cancio's movie on the Cuban doo-wop group Los Zafiros. The audience. young and old, black and white, filed into the Guzman Theatre in downtown Miami on Thursday night as the underwhelmed police contingent, perhaps 10 in all, watched the demonstrators to see they didn't cross the street. None did.

Inside, the extraordinary Cuban vocal group Gema 4. song, "Habana." originally

sung by the Zafiros in the early 1960s. Cancio, 33, a Cuban American, shot his film, "Zafiros, Locura Azul," ("Blue Madness"), in Havana with Cuban actors. It had the audience moaning with laughter and remembrance. In Havana it has broken all attendance records and won a prize at the Havana Film Festival. For the Miami audience, it was like going home.

Cancio brought the film's actors to 4 and members of Havana's hottest way to play in Northampton, Massachusetts, as part of the Fiesta Cubana of the Mussachusetts International Festival of the Arts.) Their appearance would have been impossible even a year ago because of pressure from rightist Cuban exile groups. After the film, the actors and musicians went to a Miami club. Starfish, where the musicians played for dancers with a local group, just as they might have anywhere else in the United States.



an a cappella quartet, sang a Jose Maria Vitier and the singer Xiomara Laugart.

"A lot of things, big and small, have out and enjoy some of the best music on happened over the last year or so," said earth." Manning Sulazar, a young Cuban American music promoter who is active in the Miami underground's effort to promote Cuban culture. "Jorge Mas Canosa, the leader of the right-wing Cubans, died. The first Latin Midem last year, a music convention, was controversial about its caving in to the demands of local government to ban Cuban music. This year's Miami from Havana (along with Gema Midem will have a Cuban band playing. And the singer Carlos Varela played band, La Charanga Habanera, on their here in a semi-public performance recently with no problems at all.

'So Hugo's movie, and the lack of proof how far Miami has come. Now this. It was an unthinkable event a year ago, and now it seems like the future."

Cuban pop music concert in Miami. open-minded.

Tuesday night, the Cuban singer and band leader Issac Delgado was to perform at Club Onyx in Miami Beach with full government approvals from both sides of the mango curtain that divides the United States from Cuba. There have been no bomb threats; there were no demonstrations awaiting Delgado's arrival at Miami International Airport, nor were there any for the arrival of the three bands that were on their way to play in Northampton, and continue on their limited tours.

The concert needs to be done," said Cancio. "A concert done in Miami by Cuban musicians means that things are changing in Miami, things that need to be changed. A concert is a normal thing, it's not out of the ordinary, and people should be able to go

And on Friday night at the Academy of Arts in Northampton, where the idea of a right-wing demonstrator was thoroughly beyond the pale, another kind of history was being made, and another kind of future predicted. The Massachusetts International Festival of the Arts convened Gema 4. Jose Maria Vitier's group, and Charanga Habanera to give a three-day demonstration of the great variety of Cuban music.

"I went to Cuba recently." said Donald Sanders, the executive artistic director of the Massachusetts Internaresponse from the right wing, is more tional Festival of the Arts, and a playwright. "I was knocked out by the many institutions are open to things like depth and range of Cuban music, how varied it is, and how little we know about it. Because of politics, it's been The event's success has emboldened concealed from the American public. Cancio, a businessman who also runs a So we decided to do the Fiesta Cubana. music production company, to throw and our audience is perfect for the muthe first full-fledged post-revolutionary sic, inquisitive and intelligent and

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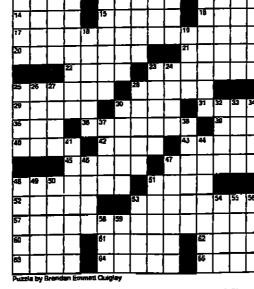
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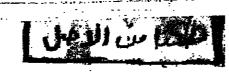
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German Throws the Book at U.S. Publishing

By Doreen Carvajal

EW YORK — Three years ago, Michael Naumann emigrated from his native Germany to the American republic of letters, a perilous and sometimes unforgiving land. He learned certain harsh cultural lessons as the new and mercurial head of the centuryold literary publishing house of Henry Holt & Co.

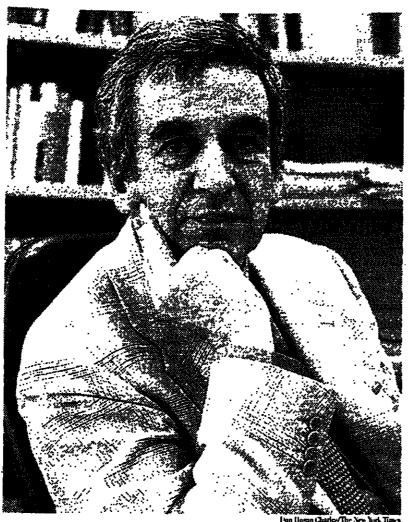
When his reclusive marquee author, Thomas Pynchon, failed to electrify the National Book Awards judges with the prose of "Mason & Dixon," Mr. Naumann coped with culture shock by boycotting the annual awards ceremony and mockingly declaring his pride in the label "sore loser."

And when a popular author, Gloria Naylor, failed to dazzle Mr. Naumann with her latest manuscript — a follow-up to her best-seller "The Women of Brewster Place" - Mr. Naumann canceled her contract for an advance estimated at more than \$900,000, and a rival house snapped up the author three days later. This rare move inspired two not necessarily competing theories: that Mr. Naumann had boldly scorned the work as substandard or that Henry Holt had financial difficulties.

"I had hoped for a less tempestuous time," Mr. Naumann, 56, said of his shift to New York from the more genteel world of German publishing. where for 10 years he headed one of the largest publishing firms, Rowohlt Verlag. "Coming here has been like graduating from a little day sailor to a 30-foot sloop and, alas, running into the perfect storm.

These have been tumultuous times for Mr. Naumann, partly because of the general climate over the last two years for the industry, which has struggled with a downturn in sales of hard-cover books and heavy returns of unsold cop-

ies from booksellers. But Mr. Naumann also has sought to raise the profile of the thoroughly respectable publishing house with highpriced contracts for such prominent authors as Salman Rushdie and through his own blunt candor, which has occasionally ruffled some rival American book publishers and caused former employees to complain that he does not understand his adopted culture, given his spending levels and sales history.



Michael Naumann, chief executive of the Henry Holt publishing house.

In some respects, he is one of the fiction about the stare of the industry. most visible literary ambassadors of the other Germans in American publishing, Verlagsgruppe Georg von Holtzbrinck, the media con-

glomerate that has been vastly overshadowed by Bertelsmann's recent purchase of Random House. But this is a diplomat who doesn't mince his English.

"In America, publishers could be five feet under water and people would pretend that they're breathing freely,' Mr. Naumann said of other publishers whom he characbreathing freely," Mr. Naumann said of other publishers whom he characterizes as preferring to talk in polite published reference and computer

books. With his dark, round eyes and professorial spectacles, he has even come to look like the house mascot for the company's trade paperback line.

Henry Holt was founded in 1866 when New York was solidifying its position as the nation's publishing hub. Today it is one of three American publishing houses owned by the privately held Holtzbrinck.

In the words of the chairman, Dieter von Holtzbrinck, the corporation's American publishing houses are members of a "federalistic system" that encourages various publishers to compete against one another editorially even though the companies share back office functions such as distribution in a new \$30 million warehouse in Gordonsville, Virginia.

But various publishers have inter-preted their roles differently, and among the Holtzbrinck properties here including Farrar, Straus & Giroux and St. Martin's Press — Henry Holt and its chief executive, Mr. Naumann, have adopted this philosophy with missionary zeal.

Occasionally, Mr. Naumann vies for the same writers at auctions that include other Holtzbrinck publishers. He also hired a former editor from Farrar Straus & Giroux, who wooed away several of its writers.

Such forays, not surprisingly, have

led to some corporate tensions.

"The model of Holtzbrinck is the very opposite of Bertelsmann: no centralized decision-making," said Mr. Naumann, referring to the coordinated bidding for authors that takes place at Bertelsmann's Bantam Doubleday Dell unit.

But even in this federation of fierce independents, Holtzbrinck has made some tentative moves lately to coordinate strategy. In February, Mr. von Holtzbrinck appointed John Sargent, the chief executive of St. Martin's Press, to also manage the service company for the three houses and to develop trade publishing strategy. These moves - and his appointment to the boards of Farrar Straus and of Holt gave him power to monitor finances, including Mr. Naumann's bottom line.

With estimated annual sales of \$45 million to \$50 million, Henry Holt has been losing money, although its net sales are reportedly rising and its av-

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Seoul Floats a Plan To Buoy Weak Firms

But World Bank Rejects Such Use of Its Funds

By Don Kirk

nal Herald Tribun SEOUL - South Korea, brushing aside objections by the World Bank, said Tuesday it would press ahead with plans to buttress the country's hardpressed chaebol, or conglomerates, with funds from the bank.

Finance Minister Lee Kyu Sung pleaded in public, as well as in private conversations, with World Bank officials for the bank to approve the use of several billion dollars from the bank for special funds to reduce the mounting debts of the chaebol.

Arguing that Korea's "current corporate debt is simply not sustainable," Mr. Lee said the government planned to set up two such funds worth a total of 10 trillion won (\$7,23 billion) with the help of "multilateral and bilateral donors."

The World Bank, which has advanced about \$5 billion of a rescue package of nearly \$60 billion arranged by the International Monetary Fund in December, repeated its opposition to using World Bank funds for that purpose. The Seoul government and World Bank officials thus appeared to be on a collision course over the issue.

"We haven't contributed to such funds ever before," said S.I. Aiyer, the World Bank's representative here. He noted that the World Bank president, James Wolfensohn, had told Korean officials in Washington that he did not want "public funds used for bailing out

Mr. Lee, questioned by reporters in Seoul, acknowledged that "there has been some kind of miscommunication between the World Bank and Korea" but said he hoped it could be resolved eventually. He said he and his aides had explained to the bank that "we want to use that money in the funds to facilitate restructuring" hard-pressed industries.

None of those benefiting from the

funds, he said, would be among the "big five" chaebol, which include the Hyundai, Samsung, Daewoo, LG and SK

To many observers, however, the plan represented a departure from the agreement worked out between the IMF and the Korean government under which money-losing companies and financial institutions would have to reform or fail amid the restructuring of an entire economy mired in debts estimat-

ed at several hundred billion dollars. Behind the plan, analysts believed, was the inability of many Korean companies so far to attract the foreign loans and investment they need to survive.

'If Korean companies are an attract ive investment, the market should be allowed to allocate that money appropriately," said Richard Samuelson, head of SB Warburg's office here. 'Why does a fund have to be augmented in that way?"

Mr. Lee blamed high interest rates, demanded by the IMF to stabilize the economy, for having "threatened to push scores of economically viable companies into bankruptcy" while driving up unemployment. Since December. he said, an average of 2,000 firms have declared bankruptcy each month.

Defending the plan for establishing funds for investing in needy companies. Mr. Lee predicted "an immediate response from private investors." One fund would provide "equity participation" in companies, he said, while the other would convert short-term into long-term debt.

'I am well aware that questions have been raised as to whether these funds constitute a government bailout of troubled corporations," Mr. Lee said. "My answer is an unequivocal 'no.'

He said that the funds would be "subiect to strict accounting reviews,' would not be available to insolvent companies, and would be managed independently from the government by "an internationally respected financial institution." Mr. Lee suggested the World Bank's International Finance Corp. as a possible fund manager, but Mr. Aiyer said the corporation was "our private sector arm" with authority to lend "only to private companies."

Mr. Aiyer said the International Finance Corp. had discussed the possibilities for setting up "a venture capital fund" entirely separate from the gov-ernment-sponsored funds proposed by Mr. Lee.

"The IFC is talking about a completely private fund," Mr. Aiyer emphasized. "The whole purpose is to mobilize private capital."

EU Will Drop Suit on U.S. Sanctions

By David E. Sanger New York Times Service

WASHINGTON - The European Union is dropping its legal challenge to America's Helms-Burton Act, which imposes penalties on companies using formerly U.S.-owned properties in Cuba that were seized by the Castro government 30 or more years ago.

The decision to allow the case before the World Trade Organization to lapse is a major step toward defusing a dispute that has troubled trans-Atlantic relations for more than two years.

But European and U.S. officials cau-

tioned that they were still far from a final settlement of the dispute and said that if talks should break down, the EU could file a new action.

not given up on a negotiated solution, that we think a solution is possible," Hugo Paemen, the EU's ambassador to the United States, said Monday.

But the chief U.S. negotiator, Stuart Eizenstat, the undersecretary of state for economic affairs, said that while the United States welcomed Europe's decision, "we are a long way from being home.

Mr. Eizenstat insisted that dropping the formal legal action was not part of a quiet deal to weaken the law, although President Bill Clinton has regularly waived some of its toughest provisions while the talks continued.

The Helms-Burton Act, in part, calls for economic sanctions against non-U.S. companies that invest in or use any a new action.

This is certainly a sign that we have of the billions of dollars of U.S. properties — from phone systems to hotels

Paris Vows to Stand by Credit Lyonnais

PARIS — Credit Lyonnais, the troubled French bank, is

Credit Lyonnais asset sales as a condition for the bailout. If the

to mines — that Fidel Castro seized after the Cuban revolution.

Officially, Mr. Naumann became

to start an imprint for the com-

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he has been here, it is striking

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Mr. Naumann estimates that

the chief executive of Henry Holt two

years ago, although he arrived earlier

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the 136-person staff has turned over by

almost 75 percent, which is partly the

The EU was outraged by the 1996 legislation, saying that "secondary boy-cotts," or boycotts against non-U.S. companies for business done outside the United States, violated trade treaties. They brought the case to press their

But almost as soon as the papers were filed, both sides acted to avoid a trial. Some European and U.S. officials were afraid that the case could destroy the authority of the fledgling trade court, forcing it to rule on an issue that the United States insisted had to do with national security, not trade barriers.

But the EU members did not want to drop the action, because the threat of pursuing the case was the best leverage they had with the United States.

government refuses to sell more assets, the commission could

order Credit Lyonnais to repay aid it received from the state

Mr. Strauss-Kahn said the bank had clearly recovered since 1995 "and the state will support this recovery as far as

necessary using all the appropriate means." He added that a "balanced solution" to the dispute with the commission was

If Credit Lyonnais must repay even part of the aid, it would

Investment certificates in Credit Lyonnais, which carry no

(Reuters, Bloomberg)

voting rights, fell sharply on the Paris Bourse, finishing

be difficult for the bank to be profitable, analysts said.

Tuesday at 605 francs, down 27.

since 1995, when a first bailout plan was cleared.

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clearly on a recovery path, and any suggestion of bankruptcy is "obviously out of the question," Finance Minister Dominique Strauss-Kahn of France said Tuesday.

Mr. Strauss-Kahn's comments came a day after European antitrust authorities said they would consider blocking government aid to the bank unless officials made more con-

cessions on divestments and privatization.

Tension between France and the European Commission has

mounted as Paris, which owns 82 percent of the bank, increased

payments to Credit Lyonnais. The commission estimates that France has provided 135 billion francs (\$22.28 billion) to 190

billion francs in aid, although the French government says the

commission has exaggerated the scale of the bailout.

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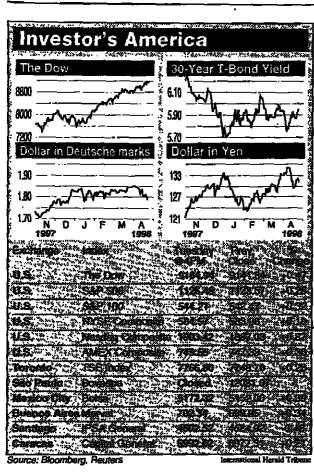
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Very briefly:

DreamWorks SKG, the movie studio formed by Steven Spielberg, Jeffrey Katzenberg and David Geffen, faced the threat of a revived trademark-infringement lawsuit Tuesday after a federal appeals court ruled that a suit filed in 1995 by Dreamwerks Production Group Inc. could proceed to trial. Dreamwerks organizes conventions for fans of "Star Trek" and other television shows.

• The U.S. insurance industry lost a \$1 billion legal fight when the Supreme Court ruled against it in a tax dispute. Clearing up a conflict among lower courts, the justices unanimously sided with the Internal Revenue Service on the tax treatment of loss reserves, or the amounts that insurers set aside on their books against anticipated claims.

• Equity Inns Inc. will buy a hotel real-estate investment trust, RFS Hotel Investors Inc., in a stock-and-debt deal valued at about \$990 million. The resulting investment trust will have a market capitalization of \$1.8 billion.

 Microsoft Corp.'s effort to overturn a temporary injunction ended Tuesday without a decision. The hearing in federal appeals court had been beld to decide whether a judge overstepped his authority in December when he issued the injunction over Microsoft's strategy of including its browser in its software. Bloomberg, WP, Reuters, AFX

GEC to Buy Tracor for \$1.4 Billion

AUSTIN, Texas - General Electric Co. of Britain agreed Tuesday to buy Tracor Inc. for \$1.4 billion in cash and assumed debt as it expands in the U.S. defense-electronics market.

GEC, which is unrelated to the U.S. company with the same

name, offered \$40 a share for Tracor. The offer has the support of Tracor's board. Tracor was quoted at \$39.125 a share, up \$2.75, in late trading Tuesday on the Nasday Stock Market. profile for Henry Holt. In 1996, GEC said it would merge Tracor into the U.S. operations of there was the reported \$2.5 million

its defense unit, GEC-Marconi.

Drug Companies and Major Banks Lead a Profit Parade 🧿

NEW YORK - Drug companies including Schering-Plough Corp. and Bristol-Myers Squibb Co. and big banks led by Citicorp reported strong first-quarter profits Tuesday.

Schering-Plough said profit rose 20 percent, to \$450 million, partly because of a 27 percent growth rate in U.S. sales of prescription drugs. Total sales rose 22 percent, to \$1.9 billion. A strong dollar trimmed three percentage points from the sales figure, the company said.

Richard Jay Kogan, president and chief executive officer, said the company's performance had been driven by strong worldwide pharmaceutical sales, gains in consumer

health-care products and higher said its net profit rose to \$1.06 bil-worldwide sales of animal health lion from \$995 million a year earliproducts.

Bristol-Myers earned a net \$927 million in the quarter, up from \$810 million a year earlier, as sales rose 10 percent, to \$4.45 billion.

Sales were helped by a 19 percent rise in sales of Pravachol, a drug that lowers cholesterol, to \$444 million in the quarter; a 43 percent jump for the diabetes drug Glucophage, with \$181 million in sales: a 69 percent increase for the AIDS drug Zerit, with sales of \$129 million, and a 114 percent jump for the Herbal Essences line of hair care products, with \$129 million in

Among the big banks, Citicorp 19 percent, to \$2.47 billion. Cor-

er, as revenue rose to \$6.06 billion from \$5.63 billion. Revenue from the bank's equity in-

The bank holding company, which is combining with Travelers Group Inc. to form the world's biggest financial-services company, said surging stock markets in Europe and the United States had more than offset the impact of Asia's shuggish

economy. Chase Manhattan Corp., the largest U.S. bank holding company, said operating earnings rose to \$1.05 billion from \$949 million a year ago, helped by trading and investment banking units.

Chase's noninterest revenue rose

porate finance and loan syndication fees more than doubled to \$361 Tuesday: • Philip Morris Cos. said net million, while trading revenue advanced 23 percent to \$713 million.

vestments increased 75 percent, to \$287 million. Credit-card revenue rose 17 percent, to \$931 million. Net interest

income rose 4.3 percent, to \$2.16 billion. Chase increased its loanloss provisions to \$344 million from \$220 million a year earlier. Banc One Corp., which plans to combine with First Chicago NBD

Corp., said its net income rose to \$517.6 million from \$381.9 million. Net interest income fell 2.7 percent, to \$1.32 billion, even as the bank increased managed loans and leases by 10 percent, to \$112.8 billion. The net interest margin widened to 6.54 percent from 6.26 percent in the year-earlier period.

The bank reduced its provision for future loan losses by 25 percent, to \$202.8 million. Noninterest income surged 41

percent to \$1.14 billion, faeled by increases in income from its securities brokerage business and investment banking.

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profit rose to \$1.87 billion from \$1.77 billion a year earlier as cigarette sales stayed strong despite higher prices the company charged to fund industry legal settlements. Revenue rose to \$18.38 billion

from \$18.22 billion. Philip Morris said the unfavorable impact of foreign-exchange conversions eroded its first-quarter net in-

come by \$133 million. Philip Morris saw its share of cigarette sales in the U.S. surpass 50 percent for the first time, partly on sales of its new Mariboro Ultra Lights, which have the least tar and nicotine of its Mariboro lines.

The company's U.S. cigarette sales rose more than 2 percent as industrywide sales declined almost 2 percent.

• Low oil and natural gas prices slashed profit at Exxon Corp. and Amoco Corp. Exxon's net profit fell to \$1.89 billion from \$2.18 billion a year earlier, while Amoco's profit slumped to \$386 million from \$674 million.

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Big Blue Lifts Blue-Chips to Record

NEW YORK - Stocks rose

Tuesday, with blue-chip and tech- ably O.K. for a lot of companies." nology issues reaching records after a string of first-quarter results topped analysts' expectations.

The Dow Jones industrial average closed 43.10 points higher at a record 9,184.94, and the technology-heavy Nasdaq composite index finished 17.04 points higher at a record 1,904.18

The Standard & Poor's 500 index also edged up to a record, closing 2.81 points higher at 1,126.46. Gaining issues outnumbered declining ones by a narrow margin on the New York Stock Exchange.

IBM led the Dow higher, gaining 6% to 118 1/16 despite reporting a 13 percent drop in first-quarter profit Tuesday. The computer maker said price wars and the economic turmoil in Asia had hit results, but the earnings still exceeded analysts' expectations.

'A lot of investors were expecting a disappointment, so there was re-lief," said Phil Schettewi at Loomis, Sayles & Co. "IBM is involved in fastest-selling drugs in history.

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said its character-animation technology would be distributed on Wave-Phore's Internet broadcast system. Market Guide rose 16 1/16 to 24. The company said it would be providing financial data for America Online's investment research site.

Network Associates rose 6 7/16 to 70 11/16 after the anti-virus soft- from 5.92 percent Monday. ware developer reported strong first-quarter earnings.

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421/s. The stock traded at just 65/2 two weeks ago but has rocketed since the company said it planned to sell records on the Internet.

Drug stocks were strong, with Pfizer rising 2 13/16 to 116 3/16 after industry reports said its new anti-impotence pill was one of the

HOLT: U.S. Culture Shock for German Publishing Executive

nology stocks were faring well, other market sectors communed to face heavy profit-taking pressure. "This market is so nervous here

But analysts said that while tech-

that where there are profits, they'll take them," said Michael Lyons an equities trader at Morgan Stanley, Dean Witter & Co. Infoseek, for example, fell 1 13/16

to 37% after the company, which makes tools for searching the Internet, rose sharply over the past week. In the Treasury bond market, the price of the benchmark 30-year issue fell 12/32 point, to 102 13/32, sending the yield up to 5.95 percent

Demand for government securities was bogged down by competition from large corporate issues this week. Ford Motor Credit sold \$3.25 billion of bonds Tuesday, and leading companies expected to sell \$8 billion more in the next few days.

Ford sold \$1 billion of seven-year floating-rate notes at an initial yield of 5.875 percent and \$2.25 billion of five-year notes at 6.17 percent. (AP. Bridge News, Bloomberg)

Rate-Increase Speculation Lifts Mark Against Dollar

NEW YORK - The dollar fell higher interest rates in Germany, against most other major currencies Tuesday as investors flocked to the Deutsche mark on expectations of higher interest rates.

Dealers said the mark had been lifted by stronger-than-expected growth in Germany's M-3 money-supply measure in March.

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which stirred speculation that the Bundesbank might decide to raise interest rates soon.

In 4 P.M. trading, the dollar slipped to 1.7882 DM from 1.8013 DM on Monday.

overshadowed a weaker-than-forecast business-climate index from Germany's Ifo economics institute and comments by Edgar Meister, a Bundesbank council member, who said German rates did not necessarily have to rise before Europe adopted a single currency.

"Dealers have been buying marks in anticipation of a host of good German economic data in the

said Hugh Walsh, senior dealer at Commerzbank in New York. But the dollar rose against the

near future, and they still expect

pound after British inflation data for March suggested that the Bank of England would not need to raise interest rates soon. Eddie George, the governor of the Bank of England, said data showed that the economy was beginning to slow, so the current monetary policy would prevent it from over heating. The pound slipped to \$1.6747 from \$1.6756. The dollar remained under pres-

sure against the yen as markets awaited details of the Japanese The focus on the M-3 report government's latest economic stimulus package, due Friday.

Dealers were still wary of Bank of Japan intervention, which has kept the dollar from rising too far against the Japanese currency.

The dollar was at 131,250 ven, down from 132.125 yen, at 5.9860 French francs, down from 6.0370 francs, and at 1.4815 Swiss francs, down from 1.4977 francs. (Bridge News, Bloomberg)

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Finance Minister Theo Waigel of Germany said the German-led proposals to restrain debt and deficits were "were positively received" by the finance ministers, who met in Luxembourg. Mr. Waigel said he was confident EU leaders would adopt the pact when they select 11 nations to

begin the monetary union on May 2. chequer, Gordon Brown, the chair-

сиптепсу movements

sparked a 72 percent jump in its

Deutsche marks (\$172.7 million)

from 181 million DM a year earlier

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Sales of SAP's R/3 business-

management software have soared

amid demand for features that help

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The German software maker said

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the euro are Germany, France, Italy, LUXEMBOURG — The Euro- Belgium, the Netherlands, Luxemfor the time being, while a fourth, Greece, missed the economic re-

for the euro nations to behave from May as if a "stability pact" imposing sanctions for fiscal misdemeanors were already in place. The pact actually takes effect in January.

The proposal calls on euro governments with heavy debt, such as Italy and Belgium, to generate budget surpluses and to shift from short- to long-term borrowing to reduce debt costs and provide stable financing.

The ministers also adopted plans to reallocate 450 million European Currency Units (\$493 million) from the EU budget over three years to help fund businesses' job-boosting investment plans.

The British chancellor of the Ex-The 11 nations expected to start man of the meeting, said the dec-ment over who would be chosen as



Finance Minister Theo Waigel of Germany, left, speaking with Gordon Brown, the chancellor of the Exchequer, on Tuesday.

laration combined "a strategy for president of the European central achieving stability with a commit-bank, the EU's top monetary job. ment to structural reform" to promittee on Thursday before being establish the euro's credibility. sent to the EU summit meeting, Finance Minister Philippe Maystadt of Belgium said.

But there was no sign of agree- presidency, by May 2," he said.

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And Weakness In Music Sales Hit Polygram

Debt in Asia

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AMSTERDAM - PolyGram NV said Tuesday its first-quarter profit plunged 88 percent because of a lack of major releases at its popmusic division and increased provisions for bad debts in Asia.

Profit at PolyGram, whose recording artists range from established groups such as U2 to teenybopper acts such as Hanson, dropped to 15 million guilders (\$7.4 million) in the quarter from 122 million guilders a ear earlier. Sales rose 4 percent, to 2.28 billion guilders.

The company attributed the drop in profit to a 6 percent fall in music sales. During the quarter, PolyGram only had two platinum-selling al-bums — by Andrea Bocelli and All Saints — compared with five last

The company cautioned last month that its first-quarter music sales and margins had suffered.

Profit from music also declined because the company raised its pro-visions for bad debts and returns in Asia, citing the "difficult trading environment in the region." PolyGram made 16 percent of its sales in Asia in 1997. Overall, sales in Asia fell 22 percent in the first quarter.

Operating income in the music division dropped to 90 million guilders from 251 million guilders a year earlier.

PolyGram expects an improved performance in the music division. particularly in the second half of 1998, said Alain Levy, the company's president. For the rest of the year, music releases are expected to include works from Boyzone, Sheryl Crow, the Cranberries, the Cardigans and Hanson.

Films remained unprofitable but showed a better performance than a year earlier, helped by hit films such as "The Big Lebowski" and video releases such as "The Game" and 'Bean." The film unit reported an operating loss of 49 million guilders, narrowed from 55 million guild-

ers. Sales rose 64 percent, to 480 million guilders. PolyGram's shares closed unchanged at 87 guilders.

(AP. Reuters, Bloomberg)

progress" toward a large loan, believed to be a three-year, \$2.5 billion deal for Ukraina but a large loan. 5 billion deal, for Ukraine but plans to await action on reforms before it hands out the money. • The Paris Bourse signed a deal with Citibank to begin selling European depositary receipts, similar to American

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depositary receipts, offering non-European companies, particularly those in emerging markets, a listing on the Bourse. • MEPC PLC, Britain's third-largest real-estate company, sold its eight U.S. shopping malls to General Growth Properties Inc. for \$871 million as it pursues a plan to focus on

British investment properties. • Sweden's transport and communications minister, Ines Uusmann, said the country should have sought to join Europe's economic and monetary union at its planned beginning next year because of its dependence on exports. He

said the government's decision to not participate initially could cost Sweden jobs. •Kenya, Tanzania and Uganda plan to present their budgets on the same day, June 11, to facilitate harmonization of monetary

and fiscal policies. The countries are united in the East African Cooperation, which aims at integrating their economies. • SmithKline Beecham PLC's first-quarter earnings rose 9 percent, to £319 million (\$526 million), as strong drug sales offset the effects of the strong pound and higher research and

development costs. Revenue rose 3 percent, to £1.89 billion. • Argos PLC shareholders Baillie Gifford & Co. and Prudential Corp. plan to vote against a £1.9 billion bid for the British catalog retailer by Great Universal Stores PLC.

• Enron Corp. is "very close" to an agreement with stateowned Qatar General Petroleum Corp. on a venture to build a \$4 billion liquefied natural-gas plant in the Gulf state.

Euro Confidence Push

But Central Bank Feud Remains Unresolved

nearer to deciding who should be the mark and Sweden plan to stay out r. key figure driving economic policy. EU finance ministers, seeking to increase confidence in the common currency, agreed in principle to con-

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Robust Demand Sent SAP's Profit Up 72% in 1st Period The company said it expected FRANKFURT — SAP AG said sales for the full year to rise by 30 Tuesday that robust demand and fa- percent or 35 percent.

'The strong sales rise in the first quarter is not an indication for the course of business in the full year,' said Henning Kagermann, a manpretax profit climbed to 311 million aging board member.

But analysts said that forecast was too conservative.

"I don't understand that," said Michael Schatzschneider at BHF Bank. "To hit the 30 to 35 percent level, they would have to have really low fourth-quarter growth, and I can't see that happening. SAP said favorable exchange

change by 11 European countries to rates added five percentage points to a single currency next year. Al- sales growth and two percentage points to profit growth in the first three months of 1998.

SAP's payroll expanded to 15,010 employees during the quarter from 10,055 on March 31, 1997. The Americas remained SAP's

largest business area, with first-

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ager with Union Investment in Frankfurt. "One should always hold on to SAP shares - this is the growth industry in Germany right (Reuters, Bloomberg)

Chocolate Cravings Feed Cocoa Price

LONDON — Cocoa prices

climbed after Barry Callebaut SA largest cocoa processor, said Tuesday it had bought "a major part" of Phibro Commodities' cocoa stockpile to meet surging de-

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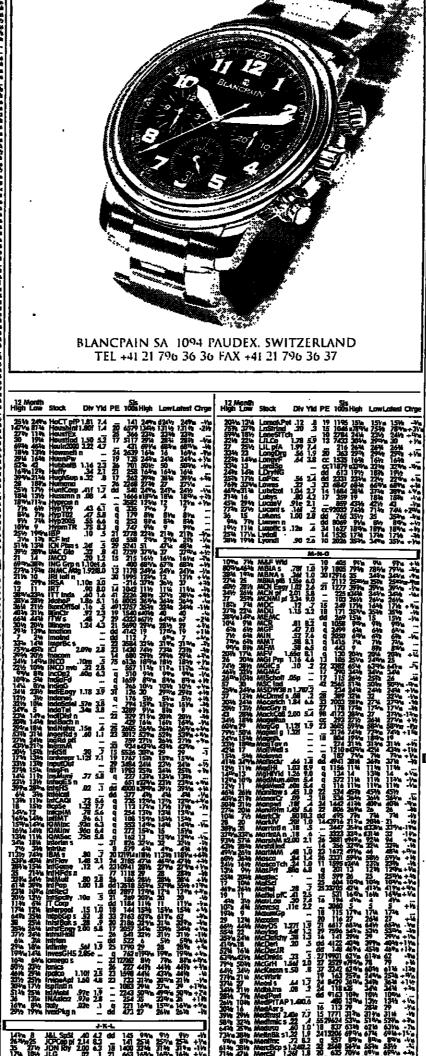
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late dictator Ferdinand Marcos regained a minority stake Tuesday in the Philippines' biggest food and beverage conglomerate after a heated election that crowned a 12-year legal battle.

his comeback to San Miguel Corp. in a day of recognized that resolving the issue of the seized drama that began when the Supreme Court shares was in the best interests of the company. rebuffed a government attempt to keep him out and ended in a shouting match during a share-holders' meeting. The meeting ended with Mr. Cojuangco winning the right to place three capansion. Soaring debt contributed to a sharp it was in the interest of Sar resenting Mr. Cojuangco's 20 percent stake.

Manila seized Mr. Cojuangco's shares in 1986 on suspicion they were part of Mr. Marcos's ill-gotten wealth after a popular revolt ousted the dictator and drove him and Mr. Cojuangco into exile. The government also seized another 27 percent stake held by Mr.

Marcos or his associates.

Mr. Cojuangeo's chief lawyer and one of his

MANILA — A top business associate of the edictator Ferdinand Marcos rate and a did not expect any major changes in the corporate short of the majority it had enjoyed.

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structure but broadly hinted that there might be.

"It is premature to talk of any plans we have on any changes," Mr. Mendoza said. "We are control one way or another," Mr. Soriano said. but a small minority.'

The industrialist, Eduardo Cojuangco, made said management and government officials now The San Miguel chairman, Andres Soriano 3d,

'Continued sequestration creates a competitive disadvantage for San Mignel and in the long run will penalize its shareholders," Mr. Soriano said.

The board shakenp could be the beginning of the end for Mr. Soriano's chairmanship of San Miguel, which his forefathers built into one of the best-known Philippine companies.

The government, which has backed Mr. Sorinominees to the board, Estelito Mendoza, said he ano, now only holds seven seats on the board — pesos.

Mr. Cojuangco's entry could lead to a management wrangle and "stall strategic changes in San Miguel," such as moves to cut costs in its food businesses and continue expanding overseas, said Raoul Perez, analyst at Sapphire Securities Inc. Mr. Mendoza specifically questioned the board's focus on expanding San

"The present management took the view that it was in the interest of San Miguel to go international," Mr. Mendoza said. "Up to now, it is not breaking even in these investments. So probably, it's time to look at the situation and decide whether San Miguel should contract,

continue to pursue this, or modify this effort." On Tuesday, San Miguel's class A shares, reserved for Filipinos, rose 0.50 peso, to close at 41 pesos (\$1.08), while its class B shares which foreigners can own, rose 1.50 pesos, to 69

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JAKARTA — The government raised key interest rates to as much as 50 percent Tuesday, on the eve of a deadline for implementing a series of reform efforts agreed to with the International Monetary Fund to help the country's battered economy.

The second rate increase in less than a month lifted the rupiah briefly, sending the dollar down to 7.835 rupiah from 8,100 rupiah Monday. Bank Indonesia, the central bank,

raised the rate on benchmark onemonth SBI government bills to 50 percent from 45 percent and the rate on one-week SBI bills to 48 percent from 43 percent. "If necessary, we'll raise rates

again," Bank Indonesia's governor, Sjahril Sabirin, said. He said an exchange rate of 7,000 rupiah to the dollar was "good."

The rate increase was in line with policies pushed by the IMF, which is considering resuming payments from a \$43 billion aid plan for the country. But the higher rates threaten to bring more pain for the country's overextended companies, put more banks out of business, raise unemployment and fuel social unrest in the world's fourth most pop-

Tuesday to break the blockade. ulous country. Even with the high rates, "you are still not beating inflation," icals off the wharves so they can get which may reach 100 percent by the their cropping programs going," said Don McGauchie, the president end of the year, said Ascanio Marequity for Hong Kong-based Regent programs.

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Those concerns pulled the Jakarta Composite Index down 2.1 percent, he sympathized with the farmers, but or 10.45 points, to close at 497.71. (Bloomberg, Reuters)

Very briefly:

• China will end its system of state housing allocations July 1 as part of its effort to scrap its socialist housing system and create a commercial residential market.

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• China's foreign-exchange reserves, the world's second-largest after Japan's, grew \$730 million in the first three months of the year, to \$140.6 billion.

• China Telecom (Hong Kong) Ltd., the Hong Kong-listed arm of the state-run phone company, will buy a 1.6 percent stake in Globalstar Telecommunications Ltd. for \$37.5 million. Globalstar is a U.S.-based company that is building a worldwide satellite-based mobile telephone system.

 All Nippon Airways Co. formally signed a code-sharing agreement with United Airlines and Deutsche Lufthansa AG. The deal will allow the airlines to use the same flight tinotti, managing director of private numbers on selected routes and will link their frequent-flier

• Mitsubishi Trust & Banking Corp. lowered its group pretax profit estimate by 20 percent, to 24 billion yen (\$181.6 million), for the year that ended March 31 because of an increase in write-offs for bad loans. Mitsui Trust & Banking Co. also cut its profit expectations.

• Takashimava Co. and Matsuzakaya Co., two major Japanese department-store companies, said their profits were badly hit by the economic slump in Japan. Takashimaya's parent pretax profit fell 26 percent, to 11.7 billion yen, in the year that ended in February as revenue slipped 0.2 percent, to 1.09 trillion yen. Matsuzakaya's profit dropped 58 percent, to 2.3 billion yen, as revenue fell 3 percent, to 422 billion yen.

• Mitsubishi Motors Corp.'s March domestic vehicle production fell 22 percent from a year earlier, to 102,512 units. Exports rose 10 percent in the month, to 56,156 units, the first gain in two months on a year-on-year basis. Domestic sales fell 25 percent from a year earlier, to 95,958 units.

• Toho Co., a Japanese movie distributor, said parent pretax profit rose 9.5 percent, to a record 11.44 billion yen, in the year that ended Feb. 28, helped by the success of its Japanese

Stevedores Win, but Court in Sydney Delays Rehiring

SYDNEY — Dock workers who of Australia workers that it had dishave been blockading ports nation- missed and evicted from ports on wide erupted in cheers Tuesday after a Federal Court judge ruled that a stevedore company had acted illegally when it fired all 1,400 of its union employees. But the full Federal Court later granted the company bench of the Federal Court on Weda 24-hour stay of the order so an

appeal could be heard. Justice Anthony North ordered established picket lines at Patrick's Lang Corp.'s Patrick Stevedore unit terminals at major ports, principally the Patrick owners and Patrick em-

TAIPEI — Manufacturers' or-

Export orders fell 2.6 percent in

about two-fifths of the island's ex-

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down 2.7 percent from the first squeezing Taiwan.

ders from abroad fell in March and

to rehire all of the Maritime Union in Sydney, Melbourne, Perth and ployers have engaged in an unlawful April 7. The company contended that union stevedores were too expensive and inefficient

Lawyers for Patrick Stevedore placements. were to appeal the order to the full

After the dismissals, the union Patrick of union labor.

The latest figures show how

Taiwan's exporters are having

much recessions in South Korea,

government economist.

March from a year earlier, the gov- Co. and other blue-chip companies

emment said. Orders from the rest of in Taiwan's computer and technol-

For March, export orders totaled Indonesia and Thailand — coupled

Brisbane. The union and its sym-conspiracy," the justice said. He pathizers have largely succeeded in also said he had taken into conpreventing trucks and trains from sideration a union offer that its loading and unloading cargo con- members would work without pay tainers handled by nonunion re- while the dispute was being re-

Justice North agreed with the union's contention that the dismissals was suspended Tuesday after the had been carried out solely to rid ruling.

Patrick of union labor.

Meanwhile, farmers threatened

"There is an arguable case that

Taiwan Exports Sag on Weak Asia Demand said Don McGauchie, the president of the National Farmers Federation. "Those people are prepared to go hurt us," said Chang Yaw-tzong, a tries whose currencies have weakened in the past year. Orders The benchmark Taipei Stock for Taiwan-made machinery and

in the first quarter, the government Market Index fell 68.36 points, or textiles fell 22 percent last month. reported Tuesday, as slowing 0.8 percent, to 8,440.20, its lowest With exports slowing, Taiwan's growth across Asia slowed de- level since February, as concern government may have difficulty hitspread that earnings growth would ting its growth target this year. Some slow at Advanced Semiconductor analysts forecast that the governting its growth target this year. Somement would cut its target to less than 5.8 percent from its current projection of 6.18 percent.

Still, orders rose in the island's technology industry, which includes companies such as Taiwan Semi-\$10.19 billion. That left orders for with slowing growth in Japan, the conductor Manufacturing Co. and the first quarter at \$28.27 billion, region's largest economy — are Acer Inc.

In March, orders for computerrelated and telecommunications "There are too many shadows to trouble competing with rivals from products rose 7.1 percent, to \$3.34 billion, the government said.

Japan Carmakers Ship More Abroad

and load their own trucks."

"We have people in Western Aus-

tralia who need fertilizer and chem-

Prime Minister John Howard said

he urged them to abide by the law.

biggest carmakers cut domestic quarter. Exports to Europe rose output in March and shipped more cars and trucks to Europe and the United States rose 13.4 percent. United States to counter plunging sales in Asia, reports released

Tuesday showed. largest automaker, cut production in Japan by 15.8 percent in March for the month rose 5.8 percent.

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Nissan Motor Co., Japan's second-biggest carmaker, cut outout in Japan by 15 percent, but Toyota Motor Corp., Japan's Honda Motor Co., the third-rgest automaker, cut production biggest, reported that production

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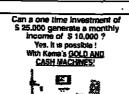
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BASKETBALL Kinder Bologna overpowered Partizan Belgrade, 83-61. Tuesday to reach the championship final of the European club Final Four in Barcelona.

Kinder shot 75 percent in the first haif against the youngest of the four semifinalists and led, 45-25, at the interval. Zoran Savic, Kinder's Yugoslav center, led all scorers with 23 points. He scored 12 of his team's first 14 points.

Police were involved in clashes with two sets of fans. The first disturbance just before the start of the game involved a contingent of about 100 Partizan supporters.

Midway through the first half police clashed with a much larger set of AEK Athens fans waiting for their club's semifinal later in the evening against Benetton Treviso. (Reuters, AP)

Carolina Can Have Gilbert

FOOTBALL The Washington Redskins on Tuesday cleared the way for the Carolina Panthers to acquire Sean Gilbert and make him the highest paid defender in the National Football League.

Gilbert, who sat out the entire 1997 season in a salary dispute with the Redskins, signed an offer sheet from Carolina on Monday for a seven-year contract worth \$46.5 million. The Redskins notified the Panthers and the league office on Tuesday that they would not attempt to match the offer.

Washington will receive two first-round draft choices from the Panthers for Gilbert, the third overall selection in the 1992 draft. Washington gave up one firstround pick to acquire Gilbert from the St. Louis Rams in 1996. (AP)

Bierhoff Heads for Milan

SOCCER Oliver Bierhoff, a German international striker, said Tuesday that he was leaving Udinese and moving to AC Milan, another team in Italy's Serie A.

Bierhoff, 29, has scored 99 goals in the Italian League. This season he has scored 21, second only to Ronaldo of Inter Milan.

Bugner Is Robbed

BOXING Thieves ransacked the home of Joe Bugner on Monday while the boxer was successfully defending his Australian heavyweight title.

Bugner said the robbers must have waited for him and his wife to leave for the well-publicized fight before moving in.

The mongrels must have been watching me leave and then Marlene leave before climbing in through the laundry window,

Drexler Willing to Wait

BASKETBALL Clyde Drexler, the Houston Rockets guard, will coach the University of Houston men's basketball team next season.

Michael Jordan asked him if there is anything he can do to help him in his new job.

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Said Drexler: "Send me your

WORLD ROUNDUP An Odd French Twist To England's Coach

Hoddle Praises Wenger and a 'Healer'

By Rob Hughes ternational Herald Tribune

LONDON - Maybe the waters be-tween France and England run more shallow than we think.

As England's Premier League season enters it final month, there is every reason to salute a French coach who, by

EUROPEAN SOCCER

trusting in his countrymen and implanting them one by one into the Arsenal team, is close to winning the two major prizes of English soccer.

Needless to say, because the English have been so sure for so long that nobody could teach them soccer, Arsene Wenger, the Arsenal coach, is an unusual man.

Arguably more unusual still is Glenn Hoddle, once the overlooked talent of the England national team. Hoddle went to France to express himself as a player. In Monaco, while Hoddle nursed himself back from a serious knee injury, the seeds were sown in his mind that the ways of Wenger, then the Monaco coach, were more thorough, more sensuous, more enlightened than the English game of kick and rush.

Now, Hoddle has risen to become coach of the England national team. On Monday, seated before 150 journalists. Hoddle both praised his mentor and spoke with a missionary zeal that scared some of his audience. It would, he said. be foolish to eschew the ways of Wenger which have this season elevated Arsenal above even Manchester United.

No one argued, though perhaps they should. For the holistic method of stopwatch training, of diet, of medicine and of correct habits and lifestyle, are working so convincingly in an Arsenal squad which, from midfield forwards, has scant drops of English blood. Wenger acknowledged when he arrived in 1996 that Arsenal had a Bulldog esprit left to him by the former trainer.

To his credit, the Frenchman did not try to tear that apart, nor to impose his will too quickly. I guess in France, too, they say if it ain't broke, don't fix it.

However, import by import, Wenger built toward a future that is not so much cosmopolitan as Franco-Dutch. Six of his new players are from France, and the gifted duo of Patrick Vieira and Emmanuel Petit form the most volatile, most imaginative core to any English side.

Wenger inherited Dennis Bergkamp, the Dutchman whose sharp brain and technique have made him England's player of the year. The coach then paid £7 million (\$11.7 million) for Marc Overmars, a Dutch winger. Wenger was mocked. Overmars was a crock and Wenger's way once, with Hoddle, to nurse a precious talent back to greatness, and he has delivered Overmars to the

Dutch in fine fettle for the World Cup. Maybe Hoddle wishes his old friend had not done this. For what if the Dutch meet the English in the World Cup, and Overmars, Bergkamp and Ronald De Boer — who may well be another Arsenal recruit this summer — torment England as they have before? What if, by tampering with the World Cup just 50 days and nights away, Hoddle re-

duces England's strengths? Rhetorical questions, maybe. But there is more, and it runs deeper than changing a sportsman's physical preparation. For

World Cup Tickets Go on Sale by Phone

Agence Frunce-Presse

PARIS — The World Cup organizers start selling 110,000 tickets by telephone Wednesday at 8 A.M. (0600 GMT).

Tickets are for the first round (except for the opener between Brazil and Scotland) and second round. Callers are limited to four tickets a match and 16 in total.

The telephone numbers are Inside France: 08 03 00 19 98, Outside France: 00 33 1 49 87 53 54.

Hoddle is a believer in the power of God and in the values of faith healing.

Imagine either the zealousness, or the sheer courage, of this comparatively young English coach announcing to the media that a woman called Eileen Drewery had "seen" three quarters of his chosen England players and, whether in the mind or the body, had dispensed the Lord's healing powers to some of them. She had, Hoddle claimed, saved the careers of two players at Swindon Town, the first club he coached.

She has counseled Paul Gascoigne, the Hoddle of his time in that he is blessed with skills beyond English contemporaries. She had helped Ian Wright dampen some of the fire of his ill temper. Sadly, miracles are beyond her now, and neither Gascoigne nor Wright is likely to take the field in Wednesday's friendly

match at Wembley against Portugal. Mrs. Drewery has taken up the post of resident healer at the team hotel and will carry on her work in weeks leading to

the June 10 start of the World Cup.
"If you ridicule it," contends
Hoddle, "then you have a closed mind. Keep your minds open, go and see her "Hoddle declines to countenance, pos-

sibly by closing his own mind, the thought that if some players adopt the faith and some are as skeptical, the lady of higher presence — in a male environment any female presence can become counterproductive. There have been lewd jokes; Hoddle

is above letting that deter him. There are thinly disguised reports of some players who perhaps shun alternative medicine falling in the selection order.

Wenger at Arsenal and Hoddle of England are opening minds to a better tactical approach, one that is preferable to England's way of belting the ball high and physically chasing down the opponents. England has bullied the French on soccer fields in times past; but now soccer is "coming home" in a way that no modern observer could quite anticipate.

Wenger will speak to a soccer convention Thursday at the Stade de France. His theme is Management of the Modern Day Millionaire Players. If time permits, he might recall that more than half a century ago Herbert Chapman, an Arsenal manager, regularly crossed the Channel to play, around every Armistice Day, an Arsenal versus Racing Paris fixture. He felt we could learn from one another.

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the reasons behind this failure."

the Azadi stadium.

Australia

Iran was booed off after Attila Kor-

sos and Bela Illes gave the Hungarians

victory in a four-nation tournament at

During the game fans chanted for Brazilian Valdeir (Badu) Vieira, who

had taken the team through to the

World Cup finals at the expense of

in this warmup tournament also lost Monday. Macedonia beat Jamaica, 2-

1. Iran will play Jamaica on Wed-

The other World Cup team playing

Thomas Muster losing to Carlos Moya in straight sets Tuesday in the first round of the Monte Carlo Open.

Agassi Wins, but Next Is Sampras

55-Minute Rout of Martin Brings On Early Showdown in Monte Carlo clay in Barcelona. Yet, Agassi, who has

MONTE CARLO - Andre Agassi routed Todd Martin, 6-2, 6-1, in 55 minutes Tuesday in the opening round of the Monte Carlo Open and faces Pete

Sampras next.
"To play Pete so early in the tournament is unsettling," Agassi said. "He's the guy you always expect to play at the end of the tournament. Now my ranking is not so high and I have to play him early. I have to come ready to play. Obviously he's expecting a tough match. If I don't come out strong, I am going to have problems."

Agassi played just one match on clay last year, in Atlanta. He lost in the second round at the French Open two years ago, the last time he played on the slow surface in a European tournament. Martin had just won a tournament on lost just four tournament matches this year, had an easy time against Martin. "I just played well," Agassi said. He belted winners from the back of

the court and was aided by 27 unforced errors by Martin. Sampras lost the No. 1 ranking to

Marcelo Rios after the Chilean beat Agassi in the Lipton final But Rios is injured and not playing in Monte Carlo, and Sampras can regain the No. 1 ranking if he does well this week. He has to get past Agassi first.
"We're both used to playing each

other on quicker courts where we know each other's game," Agassi said. "You know, it's not the best surface for him

Agassi, whose latest loss this year in a tournament was to Rios, said he was

surprised to see Rios gain the top rank-

"Certainly he never seemed to me like he was No. 1 potential," he said. "But he's proved me wrong, and many

Two former champions had different results in first-round matches Tuesday. Thomas Muster a three-time winner and a former No. 1, lasted less than an hour, falling to the 14th-seeded Carlos Moya, 6-0, 6-3. Muster is ranked 27th in the world

He was briefly ranked No. 1 in early 1996 but has not won a tournament in more than a year, since victory on the hard courts of the Lipton tournament. Sergi Bruguera, twice a champion at

Monte Carlo, advanced to the second round with a 6-1, 1-6, 7-5 victory over

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Once Again, Bulls Are the Team to Beat

The oddsmakers like the Chicago Bulls a lot. Their coach likes their chances even better.

son, adding that his team in the 1995-96 season might have been sharper than this year's version.

Jackson gave his team a day off on Monday before his preparations began for the Bulls to make a run at a third consecutive championship, which would bring their second so-called three-peat of this decade.

The Bulls won consecutive titles in 1991, 1992 and 1993, and Jackson said that the '93 team ''didn't look half as

good as this team." The oddsmakers agree. They've installed the Bulls as a 1-2 favorite to win the championship, as well as a 1-5 bet to

capture the Eastern Conference title. The best-of-five first-round series of the playoffs begin Thursday with four games: Atlanta at Charlotte, Cleveland Indiana, Houston at Utah and San Antonio at Phoenix. Four more series begin Friday night: New Jersey at Chicago, New York at Miami, Minnesota at Seattle and Portland at Los

The Bulls will have the homecourt advantage through the Eastern Conference finals, and the odds are against anyone beating them — at least until the finals. Chicago will be playing a Nets team that slumped over the second half of the season and didn't qualify for the playoffs until the 11th hour.

For most of the Nets, including Coach John Calipari. it will be their first playoff game. For Jordan, on the other hand, the match Friday night will be the 159th postseason contest of his career.

The Associated Press

portant is playoff experience?

League's postseason tournament.

"It's the playoffs and I haven't played there in a while." Burke said.

"I'm happy I'm just getting a chance to

start." Burke, making his third playoff

appearance in 10 years, was selected to

start over veteran Ron Hextall against

Buffalo in the opening of the Flyers'

first-round Eastern Conference series

played for New Jersey and lost both

decisions. By comparison, Hextall has

played in 92 playoff games, winning the

Conn Smythe Trophy as the Most Valuable Player of the 1987 playofts.

We just felt Sean was a little better

"The critical point is easy for these guys to focus on," Jackson said, referring to his team. "They are veterans Some of the other playoff teams made" who have been in playoffs, and they news Monday with roster moves. 'We're better than we were last year know a team has to beat you in a maenormously confident to take on comers and beat them in a series. It's entirely different from the regular season."

From the East, the Pacers, Heat, Hawks and Knicks also bring a good degree of playoff experience into the first round, although flaws are apparent in each team.

In the West, there are three 60-victory clubs in Utah, Seattle and the Los Angeles Lakers.

And there's also two 56-win teams right behind us in Phoenix and San Antonio," said George Karl, coach of the SuperSonics. "I think everybody knows there are five teams that can come out of the West. Utah is the top dog, Seattle and L.A. are next, the other two are a step below us."

The Bulls have dominated the league over the past two seasons, going a combined 141-23 in the regular season and 30-7 in the postseason.

Their record dropped to 62-20 this year, the same mark as the defending Western Conference champions, the Utah Jazz. But the Bulls built their record playing through the distractions of Jordan threatening to retire, Scottie Pippen vowing to leave, Jackson finishing out a one-year contract and General Manager Jerry Krause trading Jason

This is really the time when guys who have that experience shine and look forward to it, polish up their game." Jackson said. "I don't know how easy it will be, but we'll let the West decide their neighborhood rivalry, we'll decide

The Knicks placed Patrick Ewing on don't expect him to be ready for the first round. Chris Dudley, out with a broken foot since February, also was activ-

Calipari said he expected Jayson Williams, the All-Star forward who has been out with a broken thumb, to play unless doctors determined that playing now could jeopardize his career.

Pat Riley left Brent Barry off the Heat's playoff roster, along with Antonio Lang and Rex Walters. Barry was acquired in the much-criticized trade for Isaac Austin, who was Miami's best

backup center. A hernia could keep Charles Barkley of the Rockets sidelined against the Jazz. "I know that I couldn't play today," Barkley said following practice on Monday. "Right now, I don't know how much help I'll be."

Fitch Fired by L.A. Clippers

The Los Angeles Clippers fired Coach Bill Fitch on Monday, two days after the team finished a disastrous 17-65 season, wire services reported from Los Angeles. Elgin Baylor, the Clippers' vice pres-

ident of baskerball operations, said he planned to compile a list of candidates for the coaching job within a few days.

Fitch. 63, coached the Clippers for four years, compiling a 99-229 record. Last season the team made the playoffs with a 36-46 mark.

The Clippers' record this year was the third worst in the NBA, behind only Denver and Toronto.

Iran Hands Ivic His Ultimate Challenge

By Andrew Warshaw Special to the Herald Tribune

PARIS — Tomislav Ivic thought time had caught up with him after 13 different jobs in a successful coaching career. Then came the phone call he had longed for: Was he available to coach a team going to the World Cup soccer finals in France?

"I was at home in Croatia working as vice-president of Hadjuk Split when a call came in from the president of the Iranian soccer federation. I didn't hesitate. This isn't about money; my contract is only for four months. It's the ultimate challenge, the gold medal." Iran went for Ivic as soon as it qual-

ified for the finals. He replaced Valdeir Vieira, a Brazilian, on Jan. 17. Ivic has coached the national teams of Croatia and the United Arab Emirates as well as a string of top European clubs including Ajax Amsterdam, Anderlecht of Brussels, Atletico Madrid, Benfica of Lisbon and Porto. He has won seven national soccer championships in four different countries.

Why was he at so many clubs? 'Because I can't sit still," Ivic said. "It's a fantastic feeling when you apply your knowledge to a variety of different cultures and it works every time. Having said that, this is the hardest challenge. It's different from anything I have done

"I said, when I became vice-president of Hadjuk Split a couple of years ago that I was through with coaching. I'd been everywhere there was to go. But soccer is like a drug to me; it's in my blood. When the offer to manage Iran came along, I realized what I was doing was not enough."

Every coach dreams of taking a team to the World Cup finals. The fact that Iran are inexperienced and in a very lough group only makes the challenge

Ivic, speaks six languages. He talks with the Iranian players in English. He sive encounter. The game was perfect,

One Defeat and Tehran Turns Hostile

The Associated Press TEHRAN — The Iranian press

rounded on Tomislav Ivic, the national coach, Tuesday after Iran lost, 2-0, to Hungary on Monday in Papers criticized Ivic for his "bad

tactics," which they said were to blame for the loss seven weeks before the World Cup in France. "Unfortunately Mr. Ivic, you have failed this new test," said the gov-

ernment daily Akhbar.

The Akhbar called on Iranian federation officials to "ponder closely

says has seen enough to believe that by the time the World Cup starts on June 10, he can make the team competitive. Our biggest enemy is time," he said. "I haven't enough of it to show the boys everything I know. We need more organization in defense and better preparation tactically and physically. But I tell you this: Every one of our opponents will know they have been in a soccer

That, of course, includes the United States. Ever since the draw was made, the hype surrounding the match be-tween the United States and Iran in

Lyon on June 21 has been relentless. 'I've had hundreds of journalists only thing we talk about is the game and the relative strengths and weakness of the Americans."

asking me the same questions. I give them all the same answer. This game is no more or less important than the other two, against Germany and Yugoslavia. We never talk about the politics. It's the media who have stirred things up. The

"I remember a similar situation at the

Asian Cup in 1997 when Iran was play-

ing Iraq, potentially a far more explo-

played in exactly the right spirit. I see no reason why our game against the States will not be equally correct." At 63, Ivic, knows his first World Cup will also probably be his only

"I know how to adapt in certain situations and I know exactly how I am going to play against each of our opponents in France. I certainly have one

or two little secrets which I am not prepared to reveal now.' Ivic was born in Yugoslavia but is now a Croat. Yugoslavia will be Iran's first World Cup opponent.

"They have players who can turn a game in a second," he said, "but I also know their weak points. Football can sometimes produce miracles. Fourteen times out of 15, Iran would lose to Yugoslavia. Who's to say this won't be the one meeting that favors us? Everyone says we have no chance. I hope the Yugoslavs feel the same way."

Ivic cannot resist returning to the match against the United States. "Listen," he said, "When we play America, it will be a great opportunity to show the world that soccer is the best Ones to Watch: NHL Playoff Goalies not a lot better — down the stretch," Flyers coach Roger Neilson said.

A hot goalie can take a team a long way in the playoffs, according to con-In other first-round games Wednesday, Ottawa travels to New Jersey while ventional hockey wisdom. But how im-Boston plays at Washington in the East. Some of the starting goalies in this In the West, Phoenix is at Detroit, San Jose at Dallas, and Edmonton at Colyear's playoffs don't have that much, orado. On Thursday, Los Angeles plays at St. Louis in the West, and Montreal is while others - like Philadelphia's Sean Burke — have been absent for a long time from the National Hockey at Pittsburgh in the East.

Hextall was hardly surprised by Nielson's decision to start Burke. Hextall was 0-6 since his last victory, on March 16. while Burke was 7-3 in his last 10. "I knew I had to earn it," Hextall said. "! guess I had to play better in the last

Burke's opposite number will be Dominik Hasek, generally recognized as the top goalie in hockey this season. Burke has appeared in 19 playoff games, but none since 1990 when he Hasek, who led the NHL with 13 shutours, will be making his seventh playoff appearance.

The Senators will most likely go with Damian Rhodes to start against New Jersey. He and teammate Ron Tugnutt have appeared in just 11 NHL playoff games between them, as opposed to 48

by Martin Brodeur, the New Jersey goalie. Brodeur won the Stanley Cup in 1995. Still, the Senators are not awed by the Devils, who finished first in the Eastern Conference, 24 points ahead.

"We feel we can beat any tearn that

we're playing right now," said Rhodes, whose Senators split four games with the Devils during the season, "They're pretty stingy, and they have the ex-perience. We just have to go in there and The Boston-Washington series fea-

tures goalies with little playoff experience. Byron Dafoe of the Bruins has played only three playoff games, and Olaf Kolzig, the Washington goalie, has played in seven. We don't have a lot of playoff ex-

perience, said Boston coach Pat Burns. We're a very young team. Washington, in my mind, is one of the best teams in the conference right now." The Kings' Stephane Fiset and the

Coyotes' Nikolai Khabibulin are two other goalies with relatively little playoff experience. Fiset has played in six. games and Khabibulin 13.

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Jays Blow A 2-0 Lead **Over Yanks**

Myers Fails to Hold Lead For First Time in a Year

The Associated Press

Randy Myers blew a save chance for the first time in almost a year as the New York Yankees defeated host Toronto, 3-2, in 11 innings.

Myers, successful on 45 of 46 save opportunities last year and 37 in a row overall, took over in the ninth inning of Monday night's game with a 2-0 lead. But the Yankees quickly tied it, landing

BASEBALL ROUNDUP

Myers with his first failed save attempt since last May 3. 'Last year is last year and doesn't

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help us this year." Myers said. In the 11th, Chuck Knoblauch tripled with two outs, and Derek Jeter hit a routine grounder to second base. The ball glanced off Tony Fernandez's glove, however, for an error that scored the winning run.

"If Tony Fernandez got a thousand more of those balls, he probably wouldn't miss another." Jeter said, "He's one of the greatest infielders of all time, but everyone makes errors; everyone makes mistakes."

The Yankees won for the ninth time in 10 games and stopped the Blue Jays' three-game winning streak.

Shut out on four hits by Woody Williams and Dan Plesac for eight innings in Toronto, New York broke through in the ninth against Myers.

Chad Curtis opened with an infield single, and Jorge Posada followed with a run-scoring double. Scott Brosius singled, and Knoblauch's force-out drove in a run that tied it at 2-2.

Mariners 8, Royals 7 In Seattle, Ken Griffey hit his league-leading eighth home run and had a sacrifice fly in the sixth inning that broke a 7-7 tie as Seattle defeated Kansas City for its sixth

straight victory. Randy Johnson struggled again, failing to get through the fourth inning and leaving him with an earned-run average of 7.46. But the Mariners overcame an early 7-1 deficit, helped by four hits from Alex Rodriguez.

Rodriguez is 11-for-14 with eight ex- and Grieve connected with two out for



Chipper Jones of the Braves arriving safely at second base ahead of a tag by Neifi Perez, the Rockies' shortstop.

tra-base hits in his last three games. Rich his first home run of the season. Amaral also hit a home run for Seattle.

Angels 4, Orioles 3 In Anaheim, on a play that reminded many of the 1996 playoffs between the Orioles and Yankees when a 12-year-old boy reached over the wall to grab the ball, a fan grabbed a drive by Baltimore's B.J. Surhoff in the first inning, and the call again went against Baltimore.

Surhoff circled the bases when firstbase umpire Greg Kosc ruled a home run, but the call was reversed. Replays showed the ball would not have cleared the 18-foot fence.

In the 1996 series game, the Yankees were given a home run. The Orioles also lost an argument later when Kosc ruled that a fan had not interfered with a triple down the right-field line by Garret Anderson of Anaheim. After the game, Baltimore put center fielder Brady Anderson on the disabled list because of neck and shoulder trouble.

Athletics 3, Twins 2 In Oakland, Ben Grieve, one of baseball's best rookies, hit a two-run homer in the eighth inning to give the A's a victory over Minnesota.

Jason Giambi singled with one out.

Red Sox. 6. Indians 5 The Red Sox won their own version of the Boston Marathon when Mo Vaughn singled home the deciding run with two out in the 11th inning.

Jim Leyritz hit a tying homer in the ninth for Boston. The Red Sox went on to win in their last at-bat for the sixth time this season, beating Cleveland to complete a 9-1 home stand.

In National League games: Braves 7, Rockies 5 In Denver, the Colorado Rockies scored five runs off Atlanta ace Greg Maddux and chased closer Mark Wohlers from the game in the ninth.

And they still lost.

Andruw Jones homered twice, Chipper Jones had a two-run double, and Maddux survived a rocky seventh inning as the Atlanta Braves beat the Rockies.

Maddux, who had yielded only two earned runs in his first 32 innings this season, for a 0.56 earned run average that was the lowest in the National League, was roughed up for five runs, four of them earned, in eight innings. His ERA rose to 1.35, but Maddux still got the win. He also had eight assists and

started two double plays.

After allowing only one run through six innings. Maddux gave up four in the seventh, including pinch-hitter John Vander Wal's three-run homer that cut Atlanta's lead to 7-5.

The Rockies loaded the bases in the ninth on three walks, two by Wohlers. But Kerry Ligtenberg — the Braves' third pitcher of the inning - retired Mike Lansing and Neifi Perez on popups for his first save of the season.

The Rockies concluded their longest home stand of the season with a 3-10

Diamondbacks 15, Martins 4 Devon White drove in three runs against his former club as Arizona, an expansion team, won a series for the first time.

The host Diamondbacks beat Livan Hernandez in winning for the third time in four games against Florida.

Relief pitcher Gregg Olson hit a two-run homer in Arizona's highest-scoring game of the season. The Diamondbacks have won four of their last five overall. White, traded to the Diamondbacks

by Florida in November, had a sacrifice fly in the third inning and keyed a fiverun fourth with a two-run single.

A Snub by Pittsburgh **Turned Out Just Fine**

Unable to Buy Pirates, He Got the Padres

division.

By Murray Chass New York Times Service

For a man who runs a major league baseball team. Larry Lucchino has an unusual memento in his home: a pair of bronzed, steel-tipped steelworker's

I worked in the mills a couple of years when I was in college," Lucchino, a Pittsburgh native, said, "My parents gave me the shoes."

Rose and Dominic Lucchino obviously didn't want their son to forget his roots as he traveled the country running baseball teams, first the Baltimore Orioles and now the San Diego Padres. The Lucchinos had a chance to get their younger son home, but when he headed a group that tried to buy the Pittsburgh Pirates several years ago, city officials were attracted to another prospective buyer, who ultimately changed his

Lucchino, meanwhile, shifted his sights, as well as sites, and joined John Moores in the purchase of the Padres, who today have the best record in the majors — 14 victories and 3 losses. The Pirates, last in the National League's Central Division at 7-11, remain in the early stages of rebuilding from the teams that won three consecutive division championships at the start of this

"The big difference between San Diego and Pittsburgh is not temperature or sunshine, 'said Lucchino, 52, who is the Padres' president and chief executive officer. "It's John Moores. He has given us a capacity to do things out here that I don't think we would have had in Pittsburgh. It would have been a much harder pull in Pittsburgh.

At \$45 million, the Padres have a payroll that is three and a half times the Pirates' payroll.

"You need financial wherewithal, given the unbalanced player compen-sation system we have, "Lucchino said. With John's willingness, we were able to invest some serious dollars in rebuilding the team. In Pittsburgh we would've had to do it with marketing and an attendance resurgence.

There are some real similarities in the state of the franchises. Both of us have new ball parks coming down the line, knock on wood, and we're both involved in rebuilding.

But the Padres are in position to make a positive statement in their campaign for a new stadium. The season is only three weeks old, but they already have a big lead in the National League West. A 14-3 record tends to create that

"People are very excited about this team," Lucchino said. "It's an appealing team, one that wins in dramatic

kind of separation from the rest of the

The Padres, off to the best 17-game start in their history, have played five one-run games and won them all. They have played two extra-inning games and won them both. They have won five games in which they trailed after five

They have hit home runs in a clubrecord 13 consecutive games. They pitched three shutouts in a five-game span, including two 1-0 decisions. They have won all seven games played at home. They have had an eight-game winning streak and took an 11-of-12 streak into their game against the Cubs in Chicago on Tuesday.

Their starting pitcher Tuesday night was Kevin Brown, whose acquisition by the Padres' general manager, Kevin Towers, from the downsizing Florida Marlins epitomizes what Lucchino meant when he talked about Moores's

Brown has a \$4.8 million salary this season and can be a free agent afterward, meaning that the Padres, in effect, are renting him for the year. But if they like him, the Padres most likely will offer Brown lots of money to stay. And what's not to like about a pitcher who has a 2-0 record and a 1.53 earned run average in four starts?

We have bolstered the pitching staff with Brown and Stewart," Lucchino said, referring to Dave Stewart, the new take-no-prisoners pitching coach. "Overall we have a better pitching staff with strong, dynamic leadership.

Last season, the Padres had a dreadful pitching record. Only the Colorado Rockies' pitchers were worse, and they pitch on another planet at Coors Field. In this young season, the Padres are in the upper half of the pitching standing.



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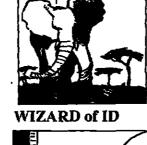




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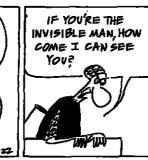
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Join the Bamboozled

By Russell Baker

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pharmaceutical treasure to be among loved ones. Who thinks of money at such times?

After two days I felt capable of demanding justice from the drug industry. "See here," I said to the phar-corners at high speed in your macist, "the \$72 charge for BMW while talking to these mere, common antibioric pills is obviously wrong," and calmly explained:

My pill insurance covers 80 percent of pill prices. If \$72 was 20 percent of the the cheated classes - who are price, the base price of these particular pills would have had to be \$360.

I know that \$360 pills are not unheard of, but have always assumed that such bankroll busters are prescribed only for such desperate stuff as Myron's Syndrome or Zambezi River fever, not for aching jaw.

He was a nice pharmacist, and gentle, and gently he told me a typical story of the American insurance industry:

My doctor's prescription had called for the brand-name version of a pill that also happened to be available in much cheaper generic form.

My insurance company had declined, via the pharmacist's computer, to cover the brandname price. It would, however, pay its share of the gen- kind person, in my estimation eric pills' price. The \$72 was the difference between the price of the brand-name stuff

and the generic variety. In short, I had been chiseled. Bamboozled. A corporate finagler had played me

for a sucker. NEW YORK — A dental The pharmacist said it did no good to be bitter. The Conmy jaw and sent me off with a gress of the United States had prescription. I presented it at a four years ago placed the na-

presented me with 28 pills. the care of the insurance in-"That will be \$72," he said. dustry. Doctors could still Bleeding too copiously to propose, but it is the insurbargain. I flew home with my ance industry that disposes.

> I dwell on this incident not just because I'm parsimonious - all right, cheap if

you're the kind who takes brokers on your cell phone. Besides that, it is another piece of accumulating evi-

dence that the country is growing a new class of people --being institutionally victimized at a moment when government no longer cares much to interfere with victimizers.

My own experience includes two recent refusals by Medicare to cover lab work a doctor thought necessary. You can appeal Medicare rulings, of course. Call a 1-800 number. Anybody here know where 1-800 is located? Anybody ever hear of a real human person living in 1-800? O.K., why nag Medicare?

It's going broke. But what about this corporation — a private publishing firm — that refuses to send along royalties that were due a year ago?

Why do pleading letters receive no answer? Why does the phone fail to produce anyone who knows what I'm talking about? It is sad to think that I - a truly decent, - should be consigned to the cheated class.

Yet, listen to this one - Ah. cheated again! My time is up.

Top of the World, Ma! Seinfeld Looks Back

By Lloyd Grove Washington Post Service

TUDIO CITY, California — As he faces The apocalypse, Jerry Seinfeld takes an

inventory of his emotions. It's early evening on the set of "Seinfeld," which began life nine years ago as a quirky little sitcom "about nothing" and is ending it a few weeks from now as a television colossus. Seinfeld has granted a reporter unlimited access to the filming of the show's second-to-last installment.

Because tomorrow we wrap this episode," he says in his trademark Long Islandese, "and the day after that I'm writing the finale with Larry" — Larry David, Seinfeld's creative alter ego. "Yep, I think I'm starting to feel something. I think it will really hit me when Larry and I sit down. When the cap comes off that pen. I think I'm

gonna know: The jig is up."

Julia Louis-Dreyfus, who plays Elaine, predicts that the final curtain will hit the 43year-old Seinfeld harder than anyone.

'This has been Jerry's life,'' she says in a makeup trailer. "He's always thinking about the next episode. This has been it for him. You know, he doesn't go home to a wife and kids. He goes home to a blank piece of paper.'

Jason Alexander, who plays George, isn't so sure. "I couldn't tell you what motivates Jerry, what drives him," he says between scenes. "I think Jerry is very driven about this project because it's so much a part of him. His name has become a noun and a verb. It's so much a defining instrument of what he thinks is funny, what he thinks is important, what he wants to focus on. But if somebody said to me, 'Stand up and tell us what Jerry would do here, what Jerry would say here,' I

couldn't do that. Because I don't know.' Michael Richards, better known as Kramer, accentuates the positive. "What to a great portrait - a great work of art," he declaims as he devours his lunch, a hunk of barbecued chicken. "The artist doesn't cry, 'I'll never be able to do another painting after this. It's a good painting. It's finished.

And David dismisses the idea that anyone, let alone Seinfeld, is about to get carried "The show's managed to survive for nine years without anybody hugging," says the

know how worked up we're gonna get." And yet the myriad arbiters of American pop culture are plenty worked up. In various disintegrating. media outlets, they have already greeted the impending demise of the Emmy-winning "Seinfeld" — when it is still television's

or at least toward the National Broadcasting Co.

Since the star announced in December that this season would be his last -cutting NBC off from a torrent of revenue — something like hysteria has been abroad in the land. Judging from all

the hype, it is clear that the prosaic inanities of the four dysfunctional Manhattanites who personify "Seinfeld" have captured the hearts and minds of a nation. "The amazing

thing," says War-ren Littlefield, president of NBC Entertainment, "is that the sad occasion. "I don't think so," he says. show hasn't peaked. In its ninth year, it's

actually still growing."
"Seinfeld" is regularly attracting an audience of 32 million, a third of the people watching television in the United States at 9 you're witnessing here is the final signature o'clock on Thursday night. The final show to a great portrait—a great work of art," he for which NBC is reportedly charging advertisers \$2 million for a 30-second spot — is expected to draw an astronomical 75 million viewers. No wonder fevered NBC executives offered Seinfeld a rumored \$5 million an episode (five times his current salary) to stick around for a 10th season.

'No one will ever spend this much again," Seinfeld says as he surveys the organized pandemonium of a Puerto Rican Day parade that marches through the plot of tall, high-strung comedy writer who quit the penultimate episode. "You're looking at

duction costs alone. "But network television viewership is dropping every year and it's all

"Now here we are in our ninth season, and creatively we're still doing well. To have that network game, the producing game." The creatively we're still doing well. To have that and to still be the No. I show, with our ratings and to still be the No. I show, with our ratings celebrity game? "Yep, the whole thing the awards game, the negotiating game, Do top-rated comedy and the linchpin of NBC's still going up, it's really completely anmighty Thursday night lineup — as though it omalous. Most shows are dried up creatively were a giant asteroid hurtling toward Earth; by seven or eight years. It's just hard to do these things. Be-

lieve me, I know." On the third day of shooting for the "Puerto Rican Day" show Seinfeld arises at 4 A.M. to make the 6 o'clock call at Universal. It is a grueling day, requiring steely focus on the part of cast and crew to bring off some very complicated comedy and elaborate camera work. Seinfeld — who won't go home until after 10 P.M. pushes himself to

completion, and everybody else falls in behind. Seinfeld resists an assertion that the end will be a

Yes it will.

'No. It's a good thing." It's a death really.

"But death can be a very positive event—the celebration of a good life," Seinfeld says. "It's greedy to hope to live forever. That's greed! That's egoism!" He eyes his interlocutor warily and admonishes: "You should check yourself out."

On the fourth day of the shoot, the filming resumes on Stage 9 at the CBS lot. Behind the cameras. Seinfeld, the director Andy Ackerman and a few writers sitting in canvas chairs burst into loud guffaws as Richards dances his comic two-step. With every new take, as Richards refines and escalates his performance, they laugh harder.

This is the fun part," he admits. "When producing the show two seasons ago but has television history here — when you have an you're on the stage, you don't see any of the stinks.

returned to write its swan song. "The characters that we're writing never express any emotion—except probably anger. So I don't money"—about \$150,000 a day for prodialogue that isn't right — that's the pain."

Seinfeld is in a reflective mood. "I know the whole game," he says proudly. "I know the agent's game, the you realize that I'm in every camp when there's a negonation? I know what every body's agenda is. I've had a sent at every table in the whole world of television."

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Suddenly he looks weary. "There's a tremendous amount of paddling beneath the surface that you don't see he says. "At this level, the amounts of money are huge - huge! - for everyone involved and that translates into strong feelings Because people relate to money and they game themselves by money. So you're dealing with primal forces of human nature - and the bigger the money, the bigger the forces

You have some very tough, serious basinessmen on the other side, the produces and the network people and parent company General Electric people. I deal with all of them separately. That's the stuff abody knows about if I was at home, watching the show as a fan, I would think, 'Why would be want to stop doing that? That looks like find.
So easy. Just lean against the kitchen counter, say a joke and everyone laughs.

Seinfeld says that last December, when he was in the throes of deciding whether to continue, "it was suggested to me by some executives, 'What if we did a survey of the public and asked them their opinion?" And I said, 'No, that's my job.' If you're the pilot of the plane, you don't ask the passengers what you should do next. The audience wants to feel that someone's in control.

"The whole system," of television market research "is ridiculous," he cominies pointing out that "Seinfeld's" initial less audiences hated the show. "It's retarded You don't ask people what they think You tell them what to think. That's your job. That's what being a creative person is. And if they don't like it, fine. But you don't try and hedge your bet."

Yet the business of prime-time network television, circa 1998, seems largely to be driven by bet-hedgers hooked on market research.

"Yeah," Seinfeld agrees. "That's why i

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separated from his wife, Anna, after 31 years of marriage, according to an announcement in one of Murdoch's newspapers. An item in the New York Post's Liz Smith column said that the separation was amicable and that they were attempting to work out their differences. It said Anna Murdoch would continue to remain on the board of her husband's News Corp., whose global interests range from television to telecommunications. Murdoch met his future wife when she was a trainee reporter on the Sydney Daily Mirror. They have three

Queen Elizabeth II celebrated her 72d birthday privately on Tuesday with members of her family at Windsor Castle. An absentee was her husband the Duke of Edinburgh, who is in Australia on official business.

urday night at the Washington Hilton. She'll be the guest of the recorded shortly before she died Friday of cancer at age 56. conservative magazine Insight, according to a spokeswoman at the Rutherford Institute, which is underwriting Jones's continuing sexual harassment suit against President Bill

on a daily basis. And certainly the table for Insight magazine Hampton said. "I feel like I want to play until I'm 125." will be further back, based on that priority. The last time they were in the same room was on Jan. 17, when Jones was present for Clinton's deposition in her case.

The nearly instant selling out of a Spice Girls concert left some fans in tears after they camped out overnight in hopes of getting tickets, and the New York State attorney general is hold the title of music director-designate until June 30, 1999. investigating possible violations of the state's ticket-scalping law. The 13,000 tickets for the British pop group's first New York City appearance at Madison Square Garden on July 1 were snapped up in 12 minutes, and there have already been reports of out-of-state ticket brokers selling the \$35 and \$50 tickets for hundreds of dollars.

Paula Jones plans to step out in full evening dress at the White House Correspondents Association annual dinner Sat- wife, Linda, including several songs that she wrote and

Best wishes, songs and friends — the usual for a birthday Clinton. Clinton will sit on a dais at the black-tie banquet for party. And when the toastee is the jazz great Lionel Hampton, 2,600; Jones will be somewhere toward the back of the count on good vibes. Bill Cosby was emcee and Betty Carter someone asking you for years to write the characters, but they ballroom. Laurence McQuillan, president of the association, and Tito Puente were among those on hand at a New York write the book, "he said in Esquire magazine.

THE media and entertainment mogul Rupert Murdoch has said, "I have tried to oversee a process where the priority party to sing "Happy Birthday" to Hampton, who smiled, seating goes to news organizations that cover the White House turned 90 — and kept on playing. "I feel like I'm 25,"

> Pinchas Zukerman has been appointed to a four-year term as music director of the National Arts Center Orchestra of Canada, Zukerman, the internationally known violinist, violist and conductor, succeeds Trevor Pinnock, Zukerman, who made his debut with the Ottawa-based orchestra in 1976. will

and serve as music director through the 2001-2002 season.

Michael Bolton has hired lawyers and accountants to look into the finances of the charitable organization that bears his name. Connecticut state records show the Michael Bolton Foundation, a charity for women and children, raised nearly \$2.6 million in 1995, but less than 15 percent went to the needy. The foundation said in a statement that the singer "will take any corrective action that may be necessary."

Denzel Washington, who plays the father of a high school basketball player in Spike Lee's new movie, "He Got Game," said he's interested in directing. "Acting's like



Rupert and Anna Murdoch have decided to separate.



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